Dear Section 8 Landlord:

On December 18, 2013, Governor Tom Corbett signed legislation that requires carbon monoxide (CO) detectors in all homes that use gas, oil or coal or that have an attached garage. We have enclosed a copy of the notice that explains this requirement which also includes the web site you can visit that will help you determine where to place the CO detector. We are recommending that the detector be placed at the top of the basement steps or no closer than 10 feet from the heating source.

Also, the City of McKeesport has required for some years that all residential units have an occupancy permit. Since we make local law part of our Section 8 requirements for housing quality standards, it will be necessary to send us a copy of the permit. If you have applied for one and have yet to be approved, you must provide this office with proof of application. If you do not have one, we have enclosed an application that you will need to fill out and submit to the City of McKeesport, 500 Fifth Avenue, McKeesport, PA 15132 along with the appropriate fee.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Section 8 Department

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As northeastern Pennsylvania heads into the coldest months of winter, with the threat of heavy snow and ice storms knocking out power, the danger of carbon monoxide poisoning rises as people fire up heaters and generators.

The appliances generate the colorless, odorless gas that can be deadly if inhaled.

In October 2012, an Albrightsville man died and other family members sickened after a generator in an attached garage leaked carbon monoxide fumes into their house.

Keeping generators outside, and properly maintaining and operating coal, gas or wood stoves can prevent carbon monoxide from leaking into rooms. But carbon monoxide detectors are the best insurance against the deadly gas.

On December 18, Gov. Tom Corbett signed legislation that requires carbon monoxide detectors to be installed in homes that burn fossil fuels coal, oil or gas for heat, or that have an attached garage.

The law also requires a seller to tell a potential buyer about the installation of detectors. The bill was sponsored by state Sen. Pat Browne, R-16, and co-sponsored by Sen. David G. Argall R-29.

“Many of us know local people who have tragically lost their lives due to carbon monoxide poisoning. Many of these tragedies could be avoided with a simple carbon monoxide detector, which is why I supported this legislation and made it a priority for the committee I chair in the Senate,” said Argall, who chairs the Senate Urban Affairs and Housing Committee.

Each year, carbon monoxide poison-
APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATE

Real Estate Transfer Date: ________________________ Date of Application: _______________________________

Property Address: __________________________________________________________________________________

Name of New Owner: __________________________ Phone Number: ___________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________________________________

Intended Residential Occupancy: Total Dwelling Units: ______

❑ Single Family
❑ 2-Family
❑ Multi-family
❑ Owner Occupied
❑ Renter Occupied (list tenant names, SS# below):
  ______________________________________________
  ______________________________________________
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Finance Office Certification

❑ EIT    ❑ MSF    ❑ Sewage

SIGNATURE DATE

Application is hereby made for permission to occupy the premise above described/or the purpose herein stated. If such use complies with provisions of all laws and ordinances, and certificate of occupancy is used, it is understood by the applicant that the said certificate will authorize only the use stated in this application and that such use may not legally be extended or changed without authorization in a new certificate of occupancy. If the building located on these premises or any part of the said building is to be occupied as a dwelling, the applicant understands that the occupancy thereof is to be limited to the number of families stated in this application.

_________________________________ _________________________________  ___________________
APPLICANT SIGNATURE PRINT NAME DATE

This is to certify that ________________________________ is in compliance with the Building Code of the City of Mckeesport and is permitted to occupy said premises or buildings for purpose as stated in this application.

X _________________________, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is Owner-Lessee-Agent of the premises herein described and that the statements made in this application are true and correct as he/she verily believes.

Inspected By

________________________________________________ ________________________________________________
BUILDING INSPECTOR FIRE CHIEF
FIRE DEPARTMENT: 412-675-5050 [ext 667 OR 664]