



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

Date: October 31, 2014

To: Code Staff

From: Brad Claussen, Building Official

Subject: Existing Fuel Gas Furnaces in Bedrooms

In certain parts of town, primarily the Northview area, houses were originally built with a fuel gas burning furnace in one of the bedrooms. Since it is not permissible under current regulations to draw combustion air from a bedroom, the following are approved methods of correcting this situation when it is encountered either during a property maintenance inspection or a furnace replacement inspection. This memo is not to be used for fuel burning furnaces in new construction, only where they have existed previously.

- Replacement with a high efficiency furnace drawing all combustion air from outside
- Drawing the code required amount of combustion air from a ventilated attic
- Turning the furnace so that it draws its combustion air from an area of the house permitted by code

There may be other solutions proposed and those will be evaluated and a determination made on the individual submittals in those cases. If you have any questions regarding this memo, please feel free to let me know.