

<b>CITY &amp; COUNTY OF DENVER COMMUNITY PLANNING &amp; DEVELOPMENT BUILDING PERMIT POLICY</b>		
<b>Subject: GAS-FIRED HEATING SYSTEMS IN SMALL EXISTING R-1 &amp; R-2 OCCUPANCIES</b>		
<b>Approved: Eric Browning, P.E., Building Official</b>		
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**Reference: Denver Commercial Building Code (DCBC) Section 708.1, 708.9, 717.5.4, Denver Mechanical Code (DMC) Section 403.2.1, item No. 1 and Denver Fuel Gas Code (DFGC) Section 618.5**

**Policy:**

This policy applies to existing R-1 and R-2 occupancies. Buildings undergoing a change of occupancy to an R-1 or R-2 use shall comply with the present code requirements and this policy will not apply.

Community Planning & Development (CPD) will not apply the above referenced requirements in R-1 and R-2 occupancies constructed prior to 1992 when replacing existing central forced air systems that re-circulate air to multiple units.

The Department will follow this policy in recognition of the long-standing existence of these systems in the older and smaller multifamily buildings and the fact that Denver's old building codes did not prohibit central forced air systems.

Buildings with any central plant over 400,000 BTU per hour for the largest piece of equipment will be identified as unsafe if it lacks the fire barriers required by DCBC Table 509.1. Boilers over 15 psi and 10 horsepower shall also comply with Table 509.1.

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