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New provisions in the 2017 Ohio Fire Code effective December 15, 2017 state that CO detection is now required for new and existing buildings in Group I-1, I-2, I-4, and R occupancies and in classrooms in Group E occupancies if certain relevant conditions exists. If a new or existing building is required to have CO detection, detection must be provided by either a CO alarm or a CO detection system. Existing buildings that are required to provide CO detection must provide the detection on or before January 1, 2019. CO detection in existing buildings can be solely battery operated regardless of whether or not commercial power is available for the building. This allowance for battery operations does not apply to new buildings unless commercial power is not available. For new buildings, the CO detection must be installed during the construction process.

For general guidance and education regarding these new requirements and the relevant conditions please find the attached Ohio State Fire Marshal’s Technical Bulletin #18-001 Carbon Monoxide Detectors in New and Existing Buildings (February 2018 / 2017 OFC).