



**CITY OF PORTLAND**  
**Permitting and Inspections Department**

**Minimum Heating Standards**

**City of Portland Code of Ordinances Chapter 6**

**Highlights**

- ✓ Date September 15<sup>th</sup> through May 15<sup>th</sup> yearly
- ✓ Every habitable room except bedrooms
- ✓ Minimum Temperature at least 68 degrees Fahrenheit measured 3 feet above floor level

**Full Ordinance Language**

Sec. 6-114. Minimum heating standards.

No person shall occupy as owner-occupant or shall allow another to occupy, except when used solely for seasonal occupancy between March first and October thirty-first, any dwelling, dwelling unit, rooming house or rooming unit which does not comply with the following minimum standards:

- (a) When central heating plant not available. When heat is not furnished by a central heating plant, each dwelling unit or rooming unit shall be provided with one (1) or more masonry flues and smoke or vent pipe connections, or equal arrangement, in accordance with the provisions of the city Code to permit the use of heating equipment capable of providing heat as required by this section.
- (b) Heating facilities required. Every habitable room, excepting rooms used primarily for sleeping purposes, shall be served by heating facilities which provide a minimum temperature of at least sixty-eight (68) degrees Fahrenheit, at a distance of three (3) feet above floor level, as required by prevailing weather conditions from September fifteenth through May fifteenth of each year.
- (c) Maintenance of equipment. All stoves, furnaces, room heaters, or domestic water heaters operated by solid, liquid, or gaseous fuel shall be properly vented and maintained in safe operating condition by the owner, operator, occupant or both.