**FIREPLACES, INSERTS, AND STOVES**

The City of Davis is required to operate under the rules of the Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District (YSAQMD). Effective January 1, 2006 any decorative heating appliance installed in Davis must be a pellet-fueled heater, a U.S. EPA Phase II Certified wood burning heater or a gas fireplace. Installation of open-hearth wood burning fireplaces is prohibited. (For more information see: [https://www.ysaqmd.org/news/wood-smoke-reduction-program/](https://www.ysaqmd.org/news/wood-smoke-reduction-program/)).

In order to obtain a building permit for the installation of a decorative heating appliance the applicant will be required to:

1. Complete a building permit application and pay the building permit fee.
2. Complete an owner-Builder form (if applicable)
3. Provide the manufacturer’s specifications and/or installation instructions for the unit being installed. The Counter Technician will verify that it is an approved unit and that the required clearances to combustibles are included with the approved plans.

If you are installing a gas unit, a plumbing permit is required.

The plumbing permit can be part of the fireplace permit and it may require gas pipe drawings and calculations.

Once a permit is issued, you may request an inspection. The Building Inspector will verify the proper clearances to combustibles.

Note: All new gas piping, or alteration of existing gas piping requires a pressure test and inspection.