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To: Registered Renters & Property Management Companies
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RE: Changes to the 2017 Fire Code; 527 CMR 1

Cooking Equipment: 527 CMR 1.00:10.11.6

This section contains requirements for outdoor cooking equipment including hibachis, grills, and similar devices. The amendment expands the permissible use of these appliances on balconies (structures that do not include stairs to grade level) and decks (structures that include stairs to grade level). The amendment permits outdoor cooking appliances on balconies and decks dependent on building characteristics such as adequate clearances and fire protection capabilities rather than the use of the structure.

527 CMR 1.00: Table 10.11.6 clarifies the provisions into one comprehensive table. In summary:

- Solid fuel is not permitted to be used or stored on any balcony.
- Gaseous fuel is not permitted to be used or stored on any balcony, unless permanently installed (pipe directly to the cooking appliance).
- Solid fuel is permitted to be used or stored on any deck, porch, or patio.
- Gaseous fuel is permitted to be used or stored on any deck, porch, or patio.
- All of the above is contingent on the following: Cooking Equipment is NOT Permitted under overhangs, roofs OR enclosed by walls OR within 10 feet of a building; unless a sprinkler system is installed in accordance with the building code.

Solid fuel includes: wood, charcoal, pellet fuels, and any other non-gaseous fuel but not including fuel generation or co-generation of electric energy.

Gaseous fuel includes: propane and natural gas.