

Boston

The following regulations apply to the use of portable charcoal and gas operated cooking grilles within a building or structure and include balconies, fire escapes, porches, roofs as a part thereof:

CHARCOAL GRILLES

Article 1, Section 1.05 (b) of the Boston Fire Prevention Code states the authority to act on any unsafe or dangerous condition not specifically provided for in the code.

Under this authority the Boston Fire Department disapproves the use of portable CHARCOAL cooking grilles within a building or structure for the following reasons:

1. Improper use of starter fuel resulting in burn injury to persons and/or resultant fire involving property.
2. Numerous fire safety complaints to the Boston Fire Department by persons within or near the building.
3. Wind velocity affecting open flame.
4. Fire hazard conditions high or extreme.
5. Resultant Fire Department response due to persons observing assumed building fire from a distance and/or reports of smoke odor from an assumed building fire in the area.
6. Lack of attendance resulting in unwarranted smoke pollution.

GAS OPERATED GRILLES

527 Commonwealth of Mass. Board of Fire Prevention regulation 6.07 (5) (a) prohibits the use or storage of Liquified Petroleum Gas containers above the first floor of a building used for habitation. This regulation includes the so called "propane" cylinder attached to portable cooking grilles.

A permit is required for the storage and use of L-P Gas (propane) cylinders on the first floor of a building used for habitation with the approval or disapproval of the District Fire Chief. (e.g., hardware store with apartments overhead).

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