



FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

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CITY OF QUINCY

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June 8, 2009

To: Trustees


From: Captain Lyons

Re: Balcony Grills

I notice a resurgence of grills on the balconies of your building. Kindly be advised that grills on balconies, both charcoal and propane are illegal. I refer here to 527CMR Section 1.06 (1)(a) and Section 6.07.

Per order of the head of the fire department please remove them immediately. A fire on a balcony can have disastrous effects due to access limitations and height. A fire on a balcony can easily affect an entire building, leaving it entirely uninhabitable. Propane is heavier than air and with leakage; the propane can easily migrate into a lower unit and ignite as well. Meanwhile this notice will be on record and should you have an incident, an insurance company may not honor any loss or claim.

Respectfully,



Captain



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Per order of the Head of the Quincy Fire Department remove the grill off of your balcony. 527CMR Section 6.07 prohibits the use or storage of propane above the ground level of a building used for habitation while the Head of the Fire Department deems the use of a charcoal grill on a balcony as an unsafe and dangerous condition likely to cause a fire, 527CMR 1.06 (1)(a).

Capt Lya

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