

First Passage

On June 13, 2019, the Salem City Council adopted for first passage and to refer to the Committee on Ordinances, Licenses and Legal Affairs the City's General Ordinance relative to Fire Prevention. Due to the length of the Ordinance and in accordance with City Ordinances and the General Laws, a summary of the ordinance follows. A full copy may be obtained by visiting the City Clerk's Office, 93 Washington Street, Salem, MA or on the City Council's webpage at www.salem.com.

The City of Salem Code of Ordinance is amended to include new sections of Article III Fire Prevention and Protection of Chapter 20. The following is a summary of a proposed City Ordinance to regulate outdoor cooking appliances, heating equipment and fireplaces.

It is prohibited for any Salem business to sell any outdoor patio or space heater or decorative heating appliance such as chiminea, fire pit, or outdoor fireplace that is fueled by a solid fuel such as wood, charcoal, fuel pellets, etc. unless a label is affixed on the product informing purchaser of the prohibited use of these devices in Salem.

Non-commercial use: Outdoor patio or space heaters and decorative heating appliances such as chiminea, fire pits and outdoor fireplaces that are fueled by Natural Gas or LP-GAS using a refillable tank or permanently installed are allowed for use within the City. Salem prohibits the use or storage of LP-Gas containers inside or on balconies above the first floor of any building used for habitation or use or storage of LP appliances used for barbecue cooking on first floor porches, decks, or balconies that are enclosed habitation.

Commercial Use: LP-Gas fueled space heaters, fireplaces and decorative heating appliance used or stored on the exterior of any place of assembly, restaurant, bar, or public establishment shall require a fuel storage permit. LP Gas or solid fueled cooking appliances used for commercial purposes and special events shall be allowed by permit.

LP-Gas Operated Grills: Salem prohibits the use or storage of liquefied petroleum gas containers, including 1 lb. LP-Gas containers attached to portable cooking grills, inside or on roof tops, decks, balconies or porches above the first floor of any building or structure used for habitation.

Solid Fueled & Charcoal Grills: Salem prohibits the use of portable charcoal or any solid or non-gaseous fueled cooking grills, hibachi or similar cooking appliances on or within a structure, and further prohibits their use on balconies, decks, porches or within 10 feet of a structure. The storage of charcoal or any solid or non-gaseous fueled cooking grill, hibachi or similar appliance used for cooking shall be prohibited on all balconies, decks, porches except for single-family dwellings. When stored on a porch or deck of a single-family dwelling, the appliance shall be empty of all charcoal or solid or non-gaseous fuel.

Fines: Violators may be fined \$50 for the first violation and \$50 per day if the violation persists.

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