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Outdoor Kitchens & Grills Policy

Policy Title: Outdoor Kitchens/Grills
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Purpose:

Due to recent fires caused by outdoor grills being located in enclosed porches with a ceiling above, and the potential for fires caused by fuel fire appliances that cause grease-laden vapors, the following shall apply to such installations.

Requirements:

- Grills inserted into outdoor kitchen configurations shall be provided with a Type 1 hood that complies with all the requirements of the International Mechanical Code.
- Exhaust hoods shall not be combined with any other exhaust, flue, or chimney.
- Area behind the grill measuring 18" below the cooking surface of the grill, and 18" to either side of the grill shall have a backsplash that extends to the full height of the area up to and including the hood. The surface of the backsplash shall be smooth and easy to clean. Porous surfaces are not acceptable.
- A Type K fire extinguisher shall be located within 36" of all grills.
- Portable grills shall not be used in enclosed spaces.
- Grills to be installed in cabinetry shall have a fire-retardant material placed before installing the appliance. Fire retardant material shall be in place for inspection.

Exception:

Grills in accessory structures with a minimum ceiling height of 8 feet, as measured from the grill's cooking surface, and the structure is open on all sides with no obstructions, shall be exempt from these requirements. Grills placed on decks with a minimum clearance of 36" to combustibles shall also be exempt.