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To: Fredette, Richard (DFS)
Subject: Southport-527CMR1.00
Attachments: Grill Petition.docx; Southport-Grill Facts.docx

Richard,

Thanks for taking the time to chat with me earlier this week.

In advance of tomorrow's public hearing at 1 PM, please find a petition from Southport residents that we hope to present to the committee as well as some key facts relative to the regulation that are both attached.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thanks for your assistance and look forward to meeting you tomorrow.

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We the residents of Southport on Cape Cod Condominium Association in Mashpee respectfully request the Department of Fire Services to clarify and reconsider the Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code, 527 CMR 1.00. The new wording now lists decks as part of the structure while the former wording and interpretation did not. This interpretation and its implication treats owners of condominiums unfairly in relation to single family homes, especially given the comparative safety records. In addition this new code does not take into consideration the difference between flat multi family structures (2 and 3 decker homes or apartment buildings) and town house multi family structures. We the undersigned ask for a comprehensive review, more public hearings on this code, complete clarification as to the many variances and interpretations that may exist, and further study as to the economic ramifications it causes to many of the Massachusetts condo owners over 55, many of whom are on fixed incomes.

Name	Street Address	Town
		Mashpee, MA 02649

October 1, 2015

Southport, Mashpee, MA

Discussion points regarding: Grill Fire Safety under 527 CMR 1.00: 10.11.6.1 Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code, "For other than single-family dwelling"

Mashpee Fire Department Data per Deputy Chief John Phelan who completed a 10 year search of all fire incidents. These are the statistics on record:

- **Mashpee Fire Reported Grill Fires 2004-2014**
- During the ten (10) year period, Mashpee Fire responded to 758 Fire Incidents.
- Thirteen (13) were determined to be Grill Fires. This represents 1.7% of all fire incidents.
- All of the fires occurred with propane fueled, portable units.
- One (1) of the fires extended beyond the grill into the structure.
- All of the incidents happened at single family homes, there were no reported grill fires at any multi-family (duplex or larger) units within the Town of Mashpee

Southport-Type of Community, Southport vs General Population

- Community: 55+ Active Adult Community (AAC) Vs general population
- 750 units at Southport, of which 700+ units will be adversely and financially affected by the September 8, 2015 interpretation of 527 CMR 1.00: 10.11.6.1. Estimated financial impact to Southport residents will exceed 1 Million dollars
- Residents are adult, responsible people ("Greatest Generation" folks)
- Residents watch out for their neighbors and neighbors' property
- Integrated "Street Rep." system, which interact with residents regarding Fire Safety, Grill Fire Safety, along with other neighborhood concerns
- Mashpee Fire Department's main station is less than 2 miles away
- Southport is fully equipped with Fire Hydrants
- Many of Southport home owners are on fixed income

Dwellings: Townhouses Vs Flats (No "2 or 3 decker" apartment houses)

- Most of dwellings are equipped with extensive fire suppression sprinkler system.
- Deck material: Pressure Treated Lumber
- Deck size: Majority of decks are 12' X 12' or larger
- Exterior water supply (Outside faucet at each deck)
- You are now including decks as part of the structure while before you did not, an interpretation that goes beyond the statute and could be left to local fire departments