Informal Interpretation

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Paragraph Reference: 10.11.6.3
10.10.6.3* Listed equipment permanently installed in accordance with its listing, applicable codes, and manufacturer’s instructions shall be permitted.

For purpose of this petition, pertinent factors do not include the name of the governmental agency or persons representing that agency. Petitioners are discouraged from making any personal assertions about an agency or agency official. If this involves an actual situation, briefly explain all of the pertinent factors.

Explain how the Petitioner’s substantial interests are being affected by the LFO’s interpretation of the NFPA citation above: Enter a statement of the LFO’s interpretation of the NFPA citation above and identify the manner in which the statement was rendered:

LFO has interpreted 10.11.6.3 to require any listed equipment (grills) to be only allowed to be installed in locations greater than 10 feet from the structure and in locations without overhangs.

Explain how the Petitioner’s substantial interests are being affected by the LFO’s interpretation of the NFPA citation above:

The LFO’s initial interpretation is preventing us from fulfilling a request by our client to provide grills on the balconies of a Condominium project.

Question:
If the requirements of NFPA 1 10.11.6.3 are met (grill is installed in accordance with its listing, applicable codes, and manufacturer’s instructions) does the requirement of NFPA 1 10.10.6.1 prohibition of cooking equipment on any balcony or within 10 feet of any structure still apply?

Answer: No

It is the Boards opinion that NFPA 1 10.11.6.3 does allow permanently installed grills to be installed in accordance with their listing, following all applicable codes and manufacturer’s instructions without also applying NFPA 1 10.10.6.1.

Note: Most if not all listing require minimum clearances from combustibles from back and sides and cooking gas appliances to not be located under overhead-unprotected combustible construction.
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