

CHAPTER 7-04—SALE, INSTALLATION, AND/OR USE OF VENTLESS SPACE HEATERS

7-04-01 It serves a legitimate public purpose to prevent accidental asphyxiation or unnecessary fire hazards resulting from the improper use and/or installation of unvented space heaters in occupied buildings, and; therefore, an unvented space heater may only be purchased and/or used within the Town of Stratham in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of New Hampshire, applicable national safety codes or standards, and the following local rules and/or regulations:

7-04-02 No person shall install or use an unvented space heater in the following places:

- a) In any unoccupied structure.
- b) In a retail establishment.
- c) In any office.
- d) In any business garage, repair garage, filling station or service station.
- e) In any structure unless a competent adult is present.
- f) In any place of public assembly, educational or medical facility and/or institution.
- g) In a multi-family dwelling as defined in NH RSA 158:28.
- h) In any bedroom or bathroom.
- i) None of the above shall be construed to prevent the temporary heating of a structure under construction that has not yet been occupied.

7-04-03 There shall be an approved and operable smoke or flame detector installed in the dwelling where an unvented space heater will be in use.

7-04-04 There shall be an approved and operable carbon monoxide detector installed in the dwelling where an unvented space heater will be in use.

7-04-05 There shall be an approved and operable fire extinguisher in the dwelling where an unvented space heater will be in use.

7-04-06 Fuel for an unvented space heater shall be of the grade and quality recommended by the manufacturer and stored in an approved U.L. or F.M. container. Said container shall be stored outside the dwelling and clear of any ignition sources.

7-04-07 All fueling of an unvented space heater shall be performed in accordance with the manufacturer's rules of operation and never within the structure or near any ignition sources.

7-04-08 Service specifications by the manufacturer must be followed and all servicing shall be done by a factory authorized agent.

7-04-09 All unvented space heaters, when in operation, shall be placed on a non-combustible base. Said base shall extend a minimum of six (6) inches beyond the total height of the

unvented space heater or in accordance to the manufacturer's recommendations. All unvented space heaters must be securely fastened to the wall or floor to prevent accidental tipping.

7-04-10 The owner or user of an unvented space heater shall read, understand, and follow the above requirements and the NH State Fire Codes governing the use of an unvented space heater. The owner or user shall acknowledge such and accept full responsibility for the safety of all concerned by signing an Indemnification Agreement to be provided by the Fire Chief or his/her agent in a form prescribed by him/her prior to the issuance of any permit to purchase and operate an unvented space heater.

7-04-11 Whosoever violates any of these provisions shall be guilty of a violation if a natural person, or guilty of a misdemeanor if any other person and subject to a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day for each day in which the violation occurs.

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By: Fire Chief Robert Law