PORTABLE SPACE HEATER POLICY

As Space Heaters are found to be a top cause of building fires and pose a serious risk to Billerica Housing Authority residents and property, the Billerica Housing Authority Board of Commissioners adopts this Policy prohibiting the use of portable Space Heaters.

Should a resident have heating issues, it is important and necessary that these issues be reported immediately to the Office.

Bringing forth heating issues or concerns serves several benefits: (1) identifying areas in need of service, (2) supporting efficient and environmentally responsible heating, and (3) negates the reliance on portable Space Heaters for supplemental heat.

Portable Electric Space Heaters are permitted for $\underline{\text{emergency}}\ \underline{\text{use}}\ \underline{\text{on}}$ a temporary basis provided:

- (1) It is an emergency as determined by the Billerica Housing Authority;
- (2) The use is temporary;
- (3) The portable Electric Space Heaters are provided by the Billerica Housing Authority.

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