

STATE OF WASHINGTON

STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL

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STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. 00-01

CODE: 1997 Washington State Mechanical Code (UMC)

SECTION: 901.4 Unvented decorative gas logs and decorative fireplaces

QUESTION: Does Section 901.4 of the Washington State 1997 Uniform

Mechanical Code allow a non-vented LP (liquid petroleum) gas fired heater which is not provided with simulated logs in a

residential occupancy?

ANSWER: No. Section 901.4 Unvented decorative gas logs and decorative

fireplaces is specific to appliances that include gas logs or

simulated logs.

Appliances qualifying as "unvented decorative gas logs or decorative fireplaces" must include gas logs or simulated logs by definition. An unvented decorative gas log is defined in part as, "...supporting simulated logs which is designed so that its primary function lies in the aesthic effect of the logs and flame." An unvented decorative fireplace is defined in part as,

"...unvented gas log permanently installed..."

SUPERSEDES: None

REQUESTED BY: City of Port Angeles