

## October 7, 2019 – EDAB VOTE

As an interim point of review, EDAB authorizes the Co-Chairs to develop an advisory memo for other boards, committees, and the petitioners to consider as potential amendments/clarifications, including:

- 1) Exemptions due to concerns about potential need for very specific air pressure, air flow, temperature, etc.
  - a. Life Sciences
  - b. Hospital or medical office or clinic - if the facility is licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health as a Health Care Facility [for reference, see <https://www.mass.gov/topics/health-care-facility-licensure>]
- 2) Effective Date – change to 12 months after approval by the Attorney General
- 3) Waiver Process
  - a. Should be conducted by a Technical Review Board rather than a generalist board. Suggesting a board of 7 members, which would include two professionals familiar with sustainable HVAC systems and a member each from: the Housing Advisory Board, Economic Development Advisory Board, Planning Board, Preservation Commission, and Climate Action Committee.
  - b. Specific criteria to be reviewed and standards for when a waiver should be issued needs to be written. These regulations could be drafted during the 12 months following the Attorney General's approval.
- 4) Non-commercial cooking exemption – interested in input from Dr. Swannie Jett, the Director of Health & Human Services

NOTE: EDAB is interested in taking up this article again for a potential vote at their November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.