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FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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To whom it may concern,

The Fire Department is often asked about grills on the patios of multi-family buildings. The International Fire Code restricts the operation of these listed devices.

Charcoal, wood or other types of open flame cooking or recreational devices may not be operated on a deck or balcony where any part of the structure is made of wood or any other material that will burn or within ten feet of any combustible construction material (Wood stud walls, wood paneling, wooden doors, wood trim, etc.).

LP gas devices where the LP tank is larger than one pound (The typical LP tank commonly in use is 20 pounds) may not be operated on a deck or balcony where any part of the structure is made of wood or any material that will burn or within ten feet of any combustible construction material (Wood stud walls, wood paneling, wooden doors, wood trim, etc.).

INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE

308.1.4 Open-flame cooking devices. Charcoal burners and other open-flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet (3048 mm) of combustible construction.

Exceptions:

1. One- and two-family *dwelling*s.
2. Where buildings, balconies and decks are protected by an *automatic sprinkler system*.
3. LP-gas cooking devices having LP-gas container with a water capacity not greater than 2½ pounds [nominal 1 pound (0.454 kg) LP-gas capacity].

Please call our Fire Prevention Bureau if you have any questions.
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