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BARBEQUES AT MULTI-UNIT BUILDINGS

The following requirements apply to the use and storage of barbeques on balconies, patios and decks of residential structures having more than two dwelling units (i.e., apartments, condominiums, and townhouses that are not located on individual parcels separated by a recorded property line).

Charcoal burners and other open-flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction, including surrounding walls and overhang. It is acceptable to operate a charcoal barbeque on a balcony where buildings, balconies and decks are protected by an automatic fire sprinkler system.

Liquefied Petroleum Gas cooking devices having an LP-gas container with a water capacity greater than 2.5 pounds water capacity shall not be located on combustible balconies, decks, or within 10 feet of combustible construction. There is no exception for automatic fire sprinkler systems.

It is the responsibility of the property owner/property manager to enforce this code.

If the building manager/owner allows, electric grills are approved for use on combustible balconies and decks without restrictions.