

New Fire Code Changes:

Residents need to be aware of new changes in the fire code. On April 21, 2004 the International Fire Code, Arbor. The IFC 2003 regulates the practice of cooking with propane or charcoal grills near combustible construction in family dwellings. **Only portable propane grills or electric appliances may be used in these locations.** If damage is ignited, so can flare-ups with charcoal fires. There are no provisions in the code that regulate cooking

The new fire code prohibits the following in relation to out door cooking and grilling:

1. Charcoal burners and other open-flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies

Exceptions:

1. One- and two-family dwellings
2. Where decks are protected by an automatic sprinkler system
2. Propane and other LPG gas burners with a liquid capacity greater than 2.5 lbs. shall not be located on combustible construction.

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Cooking with an open flame next to combustible construction could result in a \$100 civil infraction.

Residents in condominiums and apartments should check with their management companies or associations for leases and bylaws that may be more restrictive than the fire code.

What is no longer allowed on combustible balconies without sprinklers

Charcoal grills



Charcoal kettles



Propane grills



What is allowed

Electric grills



Electric Grills

Portable gas grills with less than 2.5 lbs. water weight (1 lb gas)



Safe Barbecue Tips:

1. Leave a sufficient space between the grill and eaves and overhangs. In multi-family construction, do not balconies or within 10 feet of any building. Never leave the grill on and unattended.
2. Always remain present when the grill is in use.
3. Only use a grill on a level surface.
4. Keep children away from grills. Grills, especially three-legged grills, can be easily tipped.
5. When using a charcoal grill, use only lighter fluids that are designated for use for barbecue grills. Do not
6. When using a gas grill, ensure that all hose connections are tight before cooking. Use a soapy water so connections. Never use a hose with visible cracks.
7. Always follow the manufacturer's safety instructions when using a grill.
8. The appropriate way to light a gas grill is to open the lid and light the match or grill lighter and then turn cooking, turn off the propane cylinder valve then turn off the burners. Make sure the grill is cool before s
9. Have a professional make any necessary repairs or replace the grill.
10. Do not store charcoal near combustible material or where it can get wet.
11. Do not store propane containers indoors.
12. Soak coals in water for 48 hours before disposing it in the trash.
13. Wear a heavy apron and use a grilling mitt that fits over your forearm to prevent burns.

Check your brand of grill for any recalls with the Consumer Products Safety Commission at www.cpsc.gov. For seriously, by the “Red Devil – Portable Outdoor Kitchen,” a red metal grill on a tripod stand.