



## **Public Information Regarding Grills** **in Multi-family, Residential Buildings**

**(3 Units or Greater)**

Grills or other open-flame cooking devices may not be used on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction.

There are 3 exceptions:

The balcony is protected by an automatic sprinkler system.

A gas grill fueled by small, 1 pound LP cylinders.

Electric grills are permitted.

Grills may be used on non-combustible balconies and within 10 feet of non-combustible construction with the following limitations:

They are fueled by 1 pound LP-cylinders **or** piped in natural gas.

There is 1 exception:

A 20 pound LP tank may be used for fueling a grill on non-combustible balconies that are no higher than 2 stories, provided that balcony is on the exterior of the building and is served by an exterior walkway or stairs.

Storage of LP fuel in residential buildings is limited to 2 – 1 pound bottles per living unit.

References:

***International Fire Code (2003ed) - Pg. 27***

***Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code, NFPA 58 (2008 Ed.) - Pg 44 & 60***



## Open-Flame Cooking and Liquefied Petroleum Use in Multi-Family Residential Buildings

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### Open-Flame Cooking Devices

**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 an LP-gas container with a capacity not greater than 2 ½ pounds [nominal 1 pound (0.454kg) LP-gas capacity].

**INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE (2009 Ed) -Pg 35.**

### Liquefied Petroleum Cylinders on Exterior Balconies

**6.19.11.2** Cylinders having water capacities greater than 2.7 lb (1 kg) [nominal 1 lb (0.5 kg) LP-Gas capacity] shall not be located on decks or balconies of dwellings of two or more living units above the first floor unless they are serviced by exterior stairways.

**NFPA 58, LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS CODE (2008 Ed) - Pg 44.**

### Storage within Residential Buildings

**8.3.5 Storage within Residential Buildings.** Storage of cylinders within a residential building, including the basement or any storage area in a common basement of a multiple-family building and attached or detached garages, shall be limited to cylinders each with a maximum water capacity of 2.7 lb (1.2 kg) and shall not exceed 5.4 lb (2.4 kg) aggregate water capacity per each living space unit.

**NFPA 58, LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS CODE (2008 Ed) - Pg 60.**