



To: Residents of Condominiums, Apartments, Townhomes, and Property Managers:

Reference: Grills

The use, storage and handling compressed natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas, and solid fuel burning cooking appliances pose a significant hazard in multi-family residential structures because of the physical properties of these combustible materials. The 6th Edition of the Florida Fire Prevention Code as adopted by the Florida Legislature in Chapter 633 of the Florida Statutes and Florida Administrative Code 69A states;

**1-10.10.6.1** *For other than one- and two-family dwellings, no hibachi, grill, or other similar devices used for cooking, heating, or any other purpose shall be used or kindled on any balcony, under any overhanging portion, or within 10 ft (3 m) of any structure.*

**1-10.10.6.2** *For other than one-and two-family dwellings, no hibachi, grill, or other similar devices used for cooking shall be stored on a balcony.*

**10.10.6.1.1** *Listed electric portable, tabletop grills, not to exceed 200 square inches of cooking surface, or other similar apparatus shall be permitted.*

The only exception are grills that intended by the manufacturer to be permanently installed. These grills must be installed in accordance with their listing (I.E. Underwriters Laboratories) and meet the requirements of the Florida Fire Prevention Code and Florida Building Code. Permits are required. This exception does not allow portable grills to be secured or fastened to the building.

Additionally, **NFPA 58-8.3.5**, 2017 Edition, states;

***Storage within residential buildings.*** *Storage of [LP] 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.*

If additional information is required, please contact your Inspector or this office. A complete copy of the Florida Fire Prevention Code is available on the Florida State Fire Marshal's website.

Sincerely,

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Fire Marshal