



Authorized Use of Open Flame Cooking Devices

Attention: Apartment Manager/Tenant

As of January 1, 2022 The City of Bryan has adopted the 2021 International Fire Code (IFC). This change allows for some conditional use of open flame cooking devices as it relates to multi-family complexes. As a general rule we discourage the use of grills on balconies and advocate for community grills or locating grills at least 10 feet away from any combustible object. It is very important for property management and tenants to understand what is allowed under the new code and what is not. Violation of this code carries a fine up to \$2000.

International Fire Code 2021 Section 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 of combustible construction.

Exceptions:

1. One- and two-family dwellings.
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 2 1/2 pounds [nominal 1 pound (0.454 kg) LPgas capacity].

Helpful Definitions/Clarifications:

Noncombustible Construction: *A material that, under the conditions anticipated, will not ignite or burn when subjected to fire or heat is considered a noncombustible material. Balconies must be rated "noncombustible construction" by the architect/engineer. The use of materials that by themselves are noncombustible does not mean all components and applications meet the standard to allow the use of grills without the presence of a sprinkler system on the balcony.*

LP-gas container with a water capacity not greater than 2 1/2 pound: LP-gas containers that are labeled as "16oz 453 g (1LB)". These are the small canisters that are commonly seen on camping grills and other small portable devices. The use of these grills still need to be located away from combustible items.



Thank you for your cooperation and please call if you have any questions.

Fire Marshal
Bryan Fire Department