**Grills and Fire Code Requirements**

Unattended or improperly used charcoal-fueled barbecues are responsible for numerous fires in single and multiple-family dwellings. Fires may be caused by improper use of hot briquettes, application of starter fluid, or flames from greasy foods that ignite nearby combustible materials.

**Cooking on Combustible Balconies:** In accordance with The 2006 International Fire Code, the Tinley Park Fire Prevention Bureau prohibits any cooking on a combustible balcony of an apartment or condominium. The Code states charcoal burners and other open-flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction.

**Storage of LP Gas or Gas Grills:** The Tinley Park Fire Prevention Bureau prohibits the storage or use of LP gas in quantities greater than 1 pound above the first floor in any apartment or condominium. If the use of grills is prohibited, grills (charcoal or LP gas) **CANNOT** be stored on a balcony or inside the residential unit or anywhere above the first floor.

The Fire Code allows for the use of table top grills as an acceptable alternative to the larger capacity propane tank grills. This type of grill presents a smaller fuel load and decreases the fire hazard if left unattended for a short period of time.

Please call the Tinley Park Fire Prevention Bureau at 708/444-5200 with any questions.

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The 2006 International Fire Code states the following regarding Open Flame devices on balconies:

Section 308 - Open Flames
308.3.1 - Open-flame cooking devices.
Charcoal burners and other open-flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet (3048mm) of combustible construction.

*Exceptions:*
1. One- and two-family dwellings.
2. Where buildings, balconies and decks are protected by an automatic sprinkler system.

308.3.1.1 - Liquefied-petroleum-gas-fueled cooking devices.
LP-gas burners having an LP-gas container with a water capacity greater than 2.5 pounds [nominal 1 pound (0.454 kg) LP-gas capacity] shall not be located on combustible balconies or within 10 feet (3048 mm) of combustible construction.

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