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City of Scottsdale Fire Ordinance Scottsdale Revised Codes, Chapter 36-18, Ordinance #4283: 2015 IFC

Property Managers Guide for Portable Barbecues and Open Flame Cooking Devices

In response to numerous requests from property managers and residents of multi-family dwellings and to help ensure a safe environment for our citizens, the following shall be enforced:

Open-Flame Cooking Devices; “Charcoal burners, chimineas, barbecues fixed or portable, and other open flame devices are prohibited on combustible balconies or within 10 feet (3048 mm) of combustible construction”

- Exceptions:**
1. One and two-family dwellings.
 2. When all of the following conditions are met:
 - a. where buildings, balconies and decks are non-combustible construction;
 - b. protected by an automatic sprinkler system;
 - c. the device(s) is only fueled by natural gas

Liquefied petroleum gas-fueled cooking devices; “No person shall use individual fixed or portable, LP-gas burners or barbecues on or under any attached covered patios, balconies, covered walkways, stairs, or roof overhangs and shall not be located within 10 feet (3048 mm) of combustible construction”.

- Exceptions:**
1. Detached one and two-family dwellings

Storage of open flame cooking devices and barbecues; “Storage of barbecues on or under balconies will be allowed in accordance with the written City Fire Department Interpretation and Applications Manual”

- Exceptions:**
1. If the fire department receives complaints or suspects the cooking device or barbecue is being used, the fire department will require the device to be removed from the premises.

Owner/Occupant Responsibilities; “Corrections and abatement of violations of this code shall be the responsibility of the owner or the owner’s authorized agent. If an occupant creates or allows to be created, hazardous conditions of this code, the occupant shall be held responsible for the abatement of such hazardous conditions”

Additional Information

The use of propane gas cylinders on balconies is strictly prohibited. Liquefied petroleum gas (propane) cylinder or containers shall not be located inside a building or within 5 feet of any building or adjoining property line.

Electric grills or barbecues are allowed to be used for cooking on patios. It is recommended for this activity that a multi-purpose - ABC type fire extinguisher be located in a readily accessible location.

Property managers please notify your residents of the City’s Fire Code regarding barbecues.