

Use of Barbeque Grills in Multi-Family Dwellings

The 2006 International Fire Code, Section 308.3.1, Open-flame cooking devices states that “Charcoal burners and other open-flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction. Exceptions include one- and two-family dwellings and where buildings, balconies and decks are protected by an automatic sprinkler system.

Sandy Springs Fire Rescue – Fire Marshal allows use of electric burners (electric Grilles). Listed electric ranges, grills or similar electrical apparatus shall be permitted so long as they are not modified to charcoal or wood use.

No grills may be used or stored in breezeways, balconies/patios, stairways or exit access areas.

Furthermore, the City’s Ordinance, 2006-11-86: Chapter 15, Health and Public Safety prohibits permit open burning in any area of the city except when said open burning in a reasonable fashion for the purpose of cooking food for immediate human consumption, provided; however, it shall be unlawful to use charcoal burners or other open flame cooking devices on combustible balconies or within ten (10) feet of combustible construction of a multifamily residential structure.

Any person who violates this chapter or any rule, regulation shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000.00 for each day that the violation persists after such person is notified of the City’s intent to impose such penalty and of the right to a hearing with respect to same.

You may contact the Fire Marshal’s Office at 770 206-2083 if further information is needed.

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