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COOKING ON BALCONIES OF APARTMENTS

Notification of Tenants

In accordance with the Fire Code, the management of multi-family residential occupancies which have balconies, decks, or patios should notify their tenants in writing of the prohibitions outlined in Section 308 of this code when the tenant or occupant initially occupies the building and periodically thereafter as may be necessary to ensure compliance.

Cooking on Balconies

The Fire Prevention Code prohibits any open flame cooking devices to be operated on a balcony or within 10 feet of an apartment or condominium.

Storage of LP Gas or Gas Grills

LP gas grills cannot be stored on a balcony. It is important to note that LP gas cylinders cannot be stored inside the condominium or apartment unit or anywhere above the first floor. Many condominiums or apartment complexes have regulations on the use of cooking grills that exceed fire code requirements. Check with your management staff to see what requirements apply to use grills at your complex.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact:

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Reference: 2015 International Fire Code Section 308.1.4 (with amendments).