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Apartment Barbecue Information

Due to the history of barbecue caused fires, our local fire code prohibits the use of charcoal or propane barbecues, smokers, and any open flame cooking device on apartment balconies or porches unless the area is protected by a fire sprinkler system or all adjacent building surfaces are totally non-combustible.

The only exception to this requirement is electric style barbecues or the small hibachi style barbecues that utilize the one pound propane cylinders. These may be allowed when kept well away from combustible building surfaces and are unplugged or cylinder removed (as applicable) when not in use.

Larger propane barbecues and those using briquettes may be used if they are on ground level, at least 10 feet away from combustible materials, are attended to by an adult at all times, are fully extinguished and cooled prior to moving back to their storage area, and the propane bottle is disconnected for storage.

Apartment managers can choose to follow the rules outlined above, limit portions of the rules above, or choose to not allow barbecues on the property.