



CITY OF EL RENO FIRE DEPARTMENT OUTDOOR GRILLING

IFC Section 308.1.4: Charcoal burners and other open- flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within ten (10) feet of combustible construction.

Exceptions:

- 1. One- and two-family dwellings.*
- 2. Where buildings, balconies and decks are protected by an automatic sprinkler system.*
- 3. LP-gas cooking devices having LP-gas container with a water capacity not greater than 2 ½ pounds [nominal 1 pound LP- gas capacity]*

The use and storage of open-flame LP gas or the use of charcoal barbecues on combustible balconies is prohibited unless the building is protected by a fire sprinkler system and there is a sprinkler protecting the deck/balcony.

These rules apply to existing and newly constructed buildings which have three or more attached units.

SAFE GRILLING TIPS

- Keep children away from grilling area.
- Use grilling tools that give the chef plenty of clearance from the heat.
- Don't leave cooking unattended.
- Allow the grill to cool before moving it.
- Place the grill on a noncombustible tray.
- If grilling on a combustible apartment balcony, use an electric grill. If an electric grill is used, be sure not to use extension cords. Electric wood burning pellets grills are considered open flame.

HAZARDS

- Use of a gas or charcoal grill on an apartment balcony can put an entire building and the life safety of its occupants at risk of a fire.
- Wet charcoal can self-heat and spontaneously combust.
- Burning charcoal can introduce high levels of carbon monoxide. Never use a charcoal grill in an enclosed space or near an open window.
- Leaking gas from cylinders that are improperly turned off can be ignited by any spark or flame and can cause an explosion and/or fire.