



TOWN OF KERNERSVILLE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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USE OF ELECTRICAL, CHARCOAL AND LP GAS GRILLS ON APARTMENT EXTERIOR BALCONIES

Introduction

Maintaining a safe environment from the threat of fire or injury for all occupants of the Town of Kernersville is a primary function and goal of the fire department. The use of charcoal, LP Gas and electric grills on, under and in combustible construction can potentially lead to injuries and fires.

This document is intended to provide information concerning the use of exterior residential cooking devices (grills, smokers, etc.) on, under and in exterior balconies of residential apartment building and other multifamily dwellings. The provisions listed in this document do not apply to single family dwellings and duplex apartment/town homes.

North Carolina Fire Code Regulations

The North Carolina Fire Code prohibits the use of open flame cooking devices in the following sections:

308.1.4 Open-flame cooking devices.

Charcoal burners and other open-flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet (3048 mm) of combustible construction.

Balconies made of wood and other natural products are defined as combustible construction. All wall surfaces including doors, wood overhangs, vinyl siding and other flammable coverings and are covered by these regulations.

Violations of these Fire Code regulations are punishable by the issuance of a minimum **\$100** fine per occurrence.

If you have any questions about these or any other fire codes or potential fire dangers, please do not hesitate to contact the Fire Marshal's Office.