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Grill Use and Storage Guidelines

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Open-Flame Cooking:

Open-flame cooking devices, such as charcoal or propane grills, may not be located or used on apartment balconies or patios in the City of Garland unless the balcony or patio is protected by an automatic fire sprinkler system. **All open-flame grills must be used on the ground level** and at least **ten feet away** from any building. Remember that grills need time to cool completely. Allow charcoal and wood ashes to cool for twenty-four hours in a **metal container** before disposal. Proper cooling will prevent accidental trash container fires. Illegal open-flame cooking in an apartment can result in a citation and fine.

Below is the COG Fire Marshal IFC amendment on the issue involving the use and storage of grills. This is the COG FD requirements, however the property manager can add to this amendment but not reduce the amendment. (ex. The leasing office can state no grills.)

308.1.4 Open-flame Cooking Devices. Open-flame cooking devices, charcoal grills and other similar devices used for cooking shall not be located or used on combustible balconies, decks, or within 10 feet (3,048 mm) of combustible construction.

Exceptions:

1. One- and two-family dwellings, except that LP-gas containers are limited to a water capacity not greater than 50 pounds (22.68 kg) [nominal 20 pound (9.08 kg) LP-gas capacity] with an aggregate LP-gas capacity not to exceed 100 lbs. (5 containers).
2. Where buildings, balconies and decks are protected by an approved *automatic sprinkler system*, except that LP-gas containers are limited to a water capacity not greater than 50 pounds (22.68 kg) [nominal 20 pound (9.08 kg) LP-gas capacity], with an aggregate LP-gas capacity not to exceed 40 lbs. (2 containers).
3. LP-gas cooking devices having LP-gas container with a water capacity not greater than 21/2 pounds [nominal 1 pound (0.454 kg) LP-gas capacity].

For items not listed refer to 2015 IFC, local amendments, and any material deemed applicable by the Fire Marshal.

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