



BURNSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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TO: MULTI-HOUSING RESIDENTS

Burnsville Fire would like to remind multi-family residents of the state law prohibiting the use of cooking grills. Grilling is not permitted on the decks of multi-housing buildings or within 15 feet of the building.

The types of grills prohibited are any that produce an open flame -- this includes charcoal and propane. Electric grills are not prohibited by state law.

The City of Burnsville has adopted Appendix K in reference to the 2015 Minnesota State Fire Code regarding Barbecues on Balconies or Patios: **Sec. 1.1:** In any structure containing three or more dwelling units that have a common hallway and/or a shared means of egress, no person shall kindle, maintain, or cause any fire or open flame on any balcony above ground level, or on any ground floor patio within 15 feet of any structure. **Sec. 1.2:** No person shall store or use any fuel, barbecue, torch, or similar heating or lighting chemical or device in the designated in Section 1.1. **Exception:** Listed electric or gas fired barbecue grill that are **permanently mounted and wired or plumbed to the building's gas supply or electrical system** and that maintain a minimum clearance of 18 inches on all sides, unless listed for lesser clearances, may be installed on balconies and patios when approved by the fire chief.

We hope to convey to you a sense of the danger of grilling on decks. A deck fire can extend to the building's surface quickly and travel to other decks and building openings.

Responsibility falls on everyone involved to reduce this hazard especially when many lives are subject to danger. The loss of the convenience and enjoyment of outdoor cooking is necessary to protect others from this obvious and proven danger.

Violations of the Minnesota State Fire Code are misdemeanor offenses punishable by fines of up to \$1000.00 and/or incarceration of up to 90 days in jail.

Thank you.

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