

Fire Department

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City of Scottsdale Fire Ordinance

Property Managers Guide for Portable Barbecues and Open Flame Cooking Devices

In response to numerous requests from property managers and residents of multi-family dwellings, apartments, condominiums and hotels and to ensure a fire safe environment for our citizens, the following shall be enforced:

Scottsdale Revised Codes, Chapter 36-18, Section 308:

Section 308.3.1: Open-Flame Cooking Devices;

"Charcoal burners, portable barbecues and other open flame devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet (3048 mm) of combustible construction"

"Exceptions: One and two-family dwellings"

Section 308.3.1.1: Liquefied petroleum gas fueled cooking devices;

"No person shall use individual fixed or portable LP-gas burners or barbecues on or under any attached covered patios, balconies, covered walkways, stair or roof overhangs and shall not be located within 10 feet (3048 mm) of combustible construction"

"Exceptions: One and two-family dwellings"

Section 308.3.1.2: Storage of open flame cooking devices and barbecues;

"Storage of barbecues on or under balconies will be allowed in accordance with the written City Fire Department Interpretation and Applications Manual"

"Exceptions: If the fire department receives complaints or suspects the cooking device or barbecue is being used, the fire department will require the cooking device or barbecue to be removed from the premises"

Propane/Gas Type Barbecues

The use of propane gas cylinders on balconies is strictly prohibited.

Liquefied petroleum gas (propane) cylinder or containers shall not be located inside a building or within 5 feet of any building or adjoining property line.

Storage of Barbecues

Storage of barbecues on balconies will be allowed, but if the Fire Department receives complaints or suspects the barbecue is being used, the Fire Department will require the barbecue to be removed from the balcony or patio.

Property Managers

Please notify your residents of the Scottsdale Fire Code regarding barbecues. Manager, be advised you may be cited for allowing persons to use barbecues in violation of Section 308.

Article 1; Section 107.5: Owner/Occupant Responsibilities;

"Corrections and abatement of violations of this code shall be the responsibility of the owner. If an occupant creates or allows to be created, hazardous conditions of this code, the occupant shall be held responsible for the abatement of such hazardous conditions"