



Apartment Managers, Owners and Occupants

This is a quick educational effort to remind occupants of multi-family occupancies about the use and storage of outside grills. The city of Rowlett Fire Code, modeled after the International Fire Code, restricts the use of BBQ pits operations and storage on outside balconies.

Here is the actual code as adopted in the community:

City of Rowlett Code of Ordinances

“308.1.4 Outdoor cooking. It is unlawful to use, or to store, a charcoal burner, open flame, LP gas burner, outdoor grill, barbecue, or other outdoor cooking appliance with open flame or heat producing element on the premises of a residential building with three or more attached family dwelling units, or separate family dwelling units two or more stories; or of any multifamily residential building.

The provision does not apply to the use of permanently mounted outdoor cooking devices located (10) ten or more feet from any structure.

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).”

The code basically restricts all outside cooking on the patios of all multifamily dwellings. Only grills permanently mounted by the management companies are authorized for outside cooking.

Rental insurance policies may not protect you from these fire losses!



Fines can vary from a minimum of \$500 to \$2000 as a Health and Safety Code Violation

Fire Prevention Saves Lives!