



Use of Barbeque Grills in Multi-Family Dwellings

The International Fire Code, 2012 edition, Section 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 of combustible construction.”

Exceptions include: one- and two-family dwellings and where buildings, balconies and decks are protected by an automatic sprinkler system.

Sandy Springs Fire Rescue – Fire Marshal’s Office allows the use of listed electric ranges, electric grills or similar electrical apparatus so long as they are NOT modified for the use of charcoal or wood.

Barbeque Grills cannot be used or stored in breezeways, balconies/patios, stairways or exit access areas.

In addition, the City’s Ordinance, 2006-11-86: Chapter 22- Fire Prevention and Protection Article II. Fire Prevention Code and Fire Prevention and Safety Standards, Section 22-32 Open burning the following information is provided:

(a) *Generally*. No person shall cause, suffer, allow or permit open burning in any area of the city except as follows:

- (1) Open burning in a reasonable fashion for the purpose of cooking food for immediate human consumption; provided, however, it shall be unlawful to use charcoal burners or other open flame cooking devices on combustible balconies or within ten (10) feet of combustible construction of a multifamily residential structure as hereinafter defined.
- (2) Fires set for the purpose of training firefighting personnel of the city's fire department, or for the purpose of teaching fire safety techniques to industrial fire brigades or civilians who reside or work within the city, provided that such training is being conducted by city personnel.
- (3) Operation of devices using open flames such as candles, lanterns, tar kettles, blow torches, welding torches, portable heaters, and other flame-making equipment where approved safety measures are used.

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(4) Warming fires in a barrel of 55-gallon capacity or less, or other commercially sold outdoor fireplace devices, provided that:

- a. The fire does not produce dense smoke or obnoxious odors; and
- b. The fire is attended by an individual over the age of 17 years.
- c. Untreated wood or lumber shall be the only material or substance allowed in the warming fire.

(b) *Standards.* Allowable open burning as set forth in subsection (a) of this section shall meet the following standards:

- (1) Materials such as heavy oils, gasoline, asphaltic materials, plastic, items containing natural or synthetic rubber, or any other material producing dense smoke and/or obnoxious odors shall not be used for starting or maintaining an open fire.
- (2) All burning shall be located on private property so as not to interfere with any traffic on public streets or sidewalks.
- (3) No burning shall be allowed in violation of restrictions imposed by the Environmental Protection Agency or the state environmental protection division.

Any person who violates this chapter or any rule, regulation shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000.00 for each day that the violation persists after such person is notified of the City's intent to impose such penalty and of the right to a hearing with respect to same.

If further information is needed, please contact the Sandy Springs Fire Marshal's Office at 770-730-5600



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