



Attn: All residents of multi-family occupancies (apartment buildings and condominiums)

Re: Grills on balconies

(Please Post)

Clarification of the State Fire Code regarding Grills on Balconies:

The Franklin Fire Department is required by State and local law to follow and enforce the State of Wisconsin's fire code. The City of Franklin is not allowed to adopt a fire code that is in any way more lenient than the State code.

State fire code is based on National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards. Previous versions of the NFPA standard banned gas and charcoal grills on balconies of multi-family residences (including both apartments AND condominiums), but were not specific on whether electric grills were allowed.

The 2009 revision of the NFPA code, adopted into the State's fire code in 2010, specifically bans any device used for cooking or heating, including electric grills from use or storage on balconies of multi-family occupancies.

NFPA 1:10.11.6 states: "...for other than one and two family dwellings no hibachi, grill, or other similar devices used for cooking, heating, or any other purpose shall be used or kindled on any balcony, under any overhanging portion, or within 10 feet (3m) of any structure."

For further clarification, grills may be stored on first floor patios, but must be a minimum of 10 feet from the building or any overhang while in use.

This law should be considered in effect and enforceable, and the language of Franklin's municipal fire code will reflect this change upon the next revision.

Please contact the Franklin Fire Department (414) 425-1420 if you have any questions regarding current fire codes.