

To: Apartment/Townhome/Condo Building Owners and Tenants

Re: Grills on Balconies

As a reminder, the fire inspectors will be writing violations to individual tenants that have a grill on a balcony that is made of combustible material. In addition, wood and liquefied petroleum gas-fueled devices cannot be located within 10 feet of combustible construction. Using grills on balconies presents numerous safety hazards including the following:

- (a) Excess charcoal lighter fluid can land on the balcony or inside the sliding glass doors inside the unit. Loose embers can fly into your unit or be sucked in through an air conditioner into the living quarters and cause a fire.
- (b) Flames can easily reach the bottom of the balcony located above the unit where the grill is located.
- (c) When glass doors are left open, curtains can land on the hot grill and catch on fire.
- (d) A fire in an individual unit or on a balcony can threaten the lives of every tenant in the building.

Please refer to the village ordinance listed below for future reference.

Section 308.3.1.1 Grills, wood and liquefied petroleum gas-fueled devices. Grills, Wood and Liquefied petroleum gas-fueled devices shall not be located on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 708-385-6902 Ext. 237.

Sincerely,

Deputy Chief Kevin Pickar
Fire Prevention Bureau