

In accordance with *City of Bloomington Code Section 6.21, Additional Code Provisions.*

Fires or Barbecues on Balconies or Patios – Open Flame and Fuel Storage Prohibited

Open Flame Prohibited. In any multiple-family residence that includes three or more dwelling units where dwelling units are configured vertically above and below other dwelling units as defined City Code Section 19.03, no person shall kindle, maintain, or cause any fire or open flame on any balcony above ground level, or on any ground floor patio within 15 feet of the structure.

Exception – Propane grills are allowed on balconies and ground floor patios of townhouses constructed of two or more attached units in which each unit extends from the foundation to the roof and having open space on at least two sides of each unit as defined in the Minnesota State Residential Code

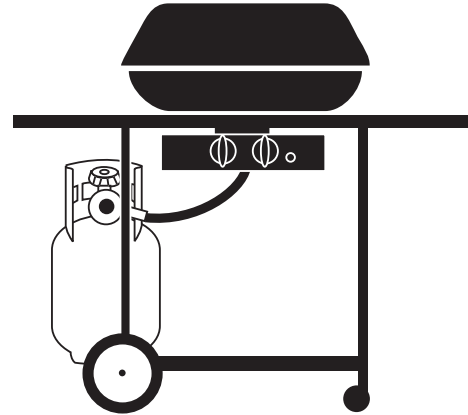
Approved Grills. Listed electric grill plugged directly into an electrical outlet or listed gas-fired barbecue grills that are permanently mounted, plumbed to the building's gas supply and that maintain a minimum clearance of 18 inches on all sides, or manufacturers required clearance whichever is greater may be installed on balconies and patios.

Fuel Storage Prohibited. In any two-family dwelling, townhouse or multiple-family dwelling as defined in City Code Section 19.03, no person shall store or use any fuel, barbecue, torch, or other similar heating or lighting chemical or device.

Note: NFPA 58 section 8.3.5 as referenced by the Minnesota Fire Code restricts the storage of LP gas cylinders within a residential building, including the basement or any storage area in a common basement of a multiple-family building and attached or detached garages, shall be limited to cylinders each with a maximum water capacity of 2.7 lb and shall not exceed 5.4 lb aggregate water capacity per each living space unit.

Installation Of Grills

Natural gas grills can be installed as noted previously. These grills shall be installed permanently by being fastened in place and meet the clearance requirements of the owner's manual. A permit shall be obtained from the Building and Inspection Division before installation. The connections shall be done by a licensed gas fitter.



Questions?

Contact the Fire Prevention Division
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