



Don't be a Victim!

Federal Heights Fire Department Office of the Fire Marshal

Presents:

“Charcoal and Gas Grills; not on my balcony”

A recent U.S. Fire Administration report disclosed that each year the fire service in the United States responded to over 6,500 grill fires causing over 150 civilian deaths or injuries and resulted in \$27.6 million in property loss. Over 29% of these fires started on a patio, terrace, or court with over 21% starting on an exterior balcony or open porch.



The City of Federal Heights adopted as ordinance the International Fire Code, 2015 edition. The purpose of this code is to establish minimum requirements consistent with nationally recognized good practices for providing a reasonable level of life safety and property protection from the hazards of life, explosion or dangerous conditions in new and existing buildings, structures and premises and to provide safety to firefighters and emergency responders during emergency operations.

International Fire Code 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 (3048 mm) of combustible construction.

Exceptions:

1. One- and two-family *dwelling*s.
2. Where buildings, balconies and decks are protected by an *automatic sprinkler system*.
3. LP-gas cooking devices having LP-gas container with a water capacity not greater than 2½ pounds [nominal 1 pound (0.454 kg) LP-gas capacity]

A violation of this ordinance is a misdemeanor and could result in arrest, fine, and imprisonment.

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