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CLARIFICATION OF RULES REGARDING GRILLS ON BALCONIES OF MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING STRUCTURES

Roseville City Code Section 902.8 states as follows:

OPEN FLAME AND FUEL STORAGE PROHIBITED – Fire Code Group R-2 properties

- A. Open Flame prohibited. In any structure containing three or more dwelling units, 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 15feet (4572 mm) of the structure.
- B. Fuel storage prohibited. No person shall store or use any fuel, barbecue, torch, or other similar heating or lighting chemical or device in the locations designated in Section 1.1 of the Minnesota State Fire Code.

Exception: Listed electric or gas-fired barbecue grills that are permanently mounted and wired or plumbed to the building's gas supply or electrical system and that maintain a minimum clearance of 18 inches (457 mm) on all sides, unless listed for lesser clearances, may be installed on balconies and patios when approved by the fire chief.

By policy, the Roseville Fire Department does not require electric grills which are equipped with the totally enclosed electric heating element, ie. Similar to the George Forman type grill used within the home, to comply with these restrictions due to having no exposed, glowing heating element. This is due to the fact that without an exposed heating element it is not possible to ignite combustible materials.