

Use of Barbeque Grills in Multi-Family Dwelling

Georgia law provides that no charcoal or liquefied petroleum gas or liquid fueled burners shall be kindled or maintained on balconies/patios or within ten (10) feet of combustible patios on ground floors. No grill may be used or stored in breezeways, balconies/patios, stairways, or exit access area.

The 2006 International Fire Code, Section 308.3.1; open flame cooking devices states that “charcoal burners and other open flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction.” Exceptions include one and two family dwellings and where buildings, balconies, and decks are protected by an automatic sprinkler system.

The Union City Fire Marshal does allow use of electric burners (electric grills). Listed electric ranges, grills, or similar apparatus shall be permitted so long as they are not modified to charcoal or wood use.

No grills may be used or stored in breezeways, balconies/patios, stairways, or exit access areas.