

## GRILLING/OUTDOOR COOKING

*" Ohio has enacted a new fire code in 2005 and it will affect your outdoor cooking policy. This code affects everything but one or two family dwellings.*

308.3.1 - Open-flame cooking devices: Charcoal burners and other open-flame devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within ten feet (3048 MM) of combustible constructions. Exceptions:

1. One- and two-family dwellings.
2. Where buildings, balconies and decks are protected by an automatic sprinkler system.

308.3.1.1 - Liquefied-petroleum-gas-fueled cooking devices: (Described as) LP-gas burners having a water capacity greater than 2.5 pounds [nominal 1 pound (0.454 kg) LP-gas capacity] shall not be located on combustible balconies or within 10 feet (3048 mm) of combustible construction. Exceptions: One-two-family dwellings.

LPG tanks for gas grills are 20 lb tanks with 5 gallons of LP Gas.

*Basically you cannot have a grill on a wooden balcony, unless the balcony has sprinkler protection. The same code disallows turkey fryers, outdoor fireplaces and chimneys also.*

*The Ohio Fire Code was adopted from the International Fire Code, which is used across the country, on military bases and various countries. It will be enforced throughout Ohio. We have had fires in complexes caused by propane grills, etc."*

Basically, from Ass't Chief Best's reply it would appear the use of any grill would be prohibited on the decks or balconies of the multi-family units as the balconies are all made of combustible material, and are not sprinkled. It would also appear to prohibit the grill use on any patio which was under a combustible balcony (10 ft from combustible construction rule).

To be used, a grill would appear to have to be on an uncovered patio (located 10 ft from dwelling structure) or in the common area.