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### **Open Flame and Barbeque Grills on Balconies and Patios of Multi-Unit residential Buildings**

#### **Issue:**

**Control the types and locations of barbeque grills and other open flame devices on or near multi-unit residential buildings.**

#### **Code Requirements:**

**The body of the fire code is silent on the use of barbeque grills. Appendix H has criteria that may be used or adopted. Appendix H has not been adopted by the city of Grand Rapids. However, the city of Grand Rapids has passed a city ordinance that controls the use of barbeque grills.**

## **Acceptable Means of Compliance:**

### **Sec. 22-2. Restrictions on open flames and LP gas.**

#### **(a) Findings and purpose.**

***Public safety personnel respond to fire class that involve fire or smoke damage caused by fires initiated by the use of open flames. This results in personal injury, as well as places burdens upon the time and resources of these agencies. Therefore, the justification of this section is to reduce the high level of personal risk and economic expense by reducing the frequency of fire caused by the use of open flames in specific settings.***

#### **(b) Prohibited activities.**

***(1) No person shall utilize, kindle or maintain charcoal grills on combustible balconies or on or within 15 feet of combustible ground floor decks or patios or within garages or any other structure.***

***(2) This provision shall apply to all dwelling structures except detached single-family dwellings. It is adopted pursuant to the authority of Minn. Stat. § 299F.011, subd. 4., and shall supersede less restrictive provisions of state law to the contrary.***

***(3) In compliance with the International Fire Code, grills shall not be located on decks that are located above the ground level, except for detached single-family dwellings, or if an outdoor stairway is connected to the deck.***

***(4) In structures of three or more dwellings units, no person shall construct, erect, install, maintain, or use any incinerator, barbeque grill, barbeque pit, torch, or similar heating, burning or lighting equipment or device within, on, or under such decks, balconies or patios, rooftops, or in garages. Nor shall any person burn any combustible material as to create a fire hazard endangering life and/or property.***

***(5) There will be no storage of LP gas tanks within a dwelling unit. Detached garages or sheds may be used for the storage of LP gas tanks.***

**(Ord. No. 04-09-15, §§ 1, 2, 9-22-2004)**