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Open Flame Cooking Devices

Multi-Family Residential Complexes

**Authority: Adopted Montgomery County Fire Code
Texas Local Government Code**

2006 International Fire Code - Section 308.3.1

308.3.1 Open –flame cooking devices . Charcoal burners and other open – flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction.

Exceptions:

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

308.3.1..1 LPG fueled cooking devices. LP gas burners having an LPG container with a capacity of greater than 1 LB shall not be located on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction.

Exception: One and two family dwellings

Interpretation: This code does not apply to a single family residence or duplex. It should apply to any residential complex consisting of more than two units, however under State Law, the Montgomery County Fire Code can only be applied to complexes with 4 or more units. It is still recommended for all residential occupancies with 3 or less individual units, including a single family home.

Example: 1 Lb Propane bottle



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