



# MOBILE FIRE - RESCUE DEPARTMENT FIRE CODE ADMINISTRATION

## Apartments Balcony Cooking Prohibited

### **Attention: Apartment Management**

The City of Mobile's Fire Code Ordinance prohibits charcoal burners and any other any open-flame cooking devices to be operated on a balcony or within 10 feet of an apartment or condominium.

The responsibility for ensuring compliance shall be with the management staff of multi-family residential occupancies with balconies, decks, or patios.

Tenants should be notified in writing the cooking prohibitions when they initially occupy the building and periodically thereafter as may be necessary to ensure compliance.

If the tenant does not comply with the regulation please contact the Bureau of Fire Prevention immediately at (251) 208-7484 or (251) 208-7497.

A Fire Code Administration Staff Captain will be assigned for follow-up to write a citation and/or initiate an arrest.

L.P. gas grills cannot be stored on a balcony. It is important to note that L.P. gas cylinders cannot be stored inside the condominium or apartment unit or anywhere above the first floor.

Many condominiums or apartment complexes have regulations concerning the use of cooking grills that exceed fire code requirements. Check with your management staff to see what requirements apply to use grills at your complex.

Reference: 2012 International Fire Code Section 308. Open Flame