



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 Community Risk Reduction Division immediately at (251) 208-7484 or (251) 208-7497.

A Fire Code Administration Staff Official 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. Be advised Fire Code Officials will only enforce the adopted fire code and city ordinance.

Reference: 2021 International Fire Code Section 308. Open Flame