



Fire Department Administration MEMORANDUM

OUTDOOR COOKING GUIDELINES FOR MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING OWNER/MANAGERS

Charcoal and gas fired-grills are not permitted in multi-family dwellings of three or more living units. St. Pete Beach Fire Department enforces this in accordance with the following Codes and Standards of the National Fire Protection Association as authorized under Florida Statutes 633.022 and 633.025. These guidelines are intended to provide an overview for the use and storage of charcoal and gas fired-grills, and may not address specific requirements as they relate to various locations and situations.

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Section 10.10.6.1 No hibachi, gas-fired grill, charcoal grill or other similar devices used for cooking, heating, or any other purpose, shall be used or kindled on any balcony or under any overhanging portion or within 10ft of any structure.

Section 10.10.6.1.1 Listed electric portable, tabletop grills, not to exceed 200 square inches of cooking surface or other similar apparatus shall be permitted.

Section 10.10.6.2 No hibachi, grill or other similar devices used for cooking shall be stored on a balcony.

Section 10.10.6.3 Listed equipment permanently installed in accordance with its listing, applicable codes, and manufacturer's instructions shall be permitted.

A10.10.6.3 It is not the intent of this paragraph to allow the permanent installation of portable equipment unless it is permitted by its listing.

The term 'listed' is defined in all NFPA codes and standards as:

Equipment, materials, or services included in a list published by an organization that is acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction and concerned with evaluation of products or services, that maintains periodic inspection of production of listed equipment or materials or periodic evaluation of services, and whose listing states that either the equipment, material, or service meets appropriate designated standards or has been tested and found suitable for a specified purpose.

Underwriters Laboratories is one example of a commonly accepted listing organization.

Note that the cooking equipment must be listed for permanent installation.

For additional information, please contact the Fire Marshal in the Fire Prevention Office at 363-9207.

