



# EDEN PRAIRIE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## *Department of Fire Prevention Policy*



### *Prevention and Inspections Barbecue Grills*

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#### ***Procedure:***

#### **Section 1 – Applicable Codes**

- a) Minnesota State Fire Code, Appendix “O”

#### **Section 2 – Appendix Amended by ordinance**

Section 1.1 is hereby amended to include the following:

- 1.1 Open Flame Prohibited. In any structure containing three or more dwelling units, **with at least two vertically stacked**, no person shall kindle, maintain, or cause any fire or open flame on any balcony above ground level, or on any ground floor patio within 15 feet (4572 mm) of the structure.

#### **Additional requirements:**

1. **Listed Electric Barbecue Grills** may be allowed if approved by the Fire Chief and the balconies to which they will be used are fully protected by an automatic fire sprinkler system.
2. **Listed Gas-Fired Barbecue Grills** may be allowed if approved by the Fire Chief and the balconies to which they will be used are fully protected by an automatic fire sprinkler system, have automatic timers to shut off gas, have an e-stop, are mounted, can't be moved and have a maintenance/cleaning agreement with the facility.

#### **Section 3 – Definitions**

- a) Vertically Stacked Units – This includes all apartment buildings. Town homes are only included if there are units independent of each other that are located with one on top of another. Row town homes and “quads” are not included.
- b) Listed Electric Barbecue Grill – These are grills that cook with an electrically powered heating element that are designed to be hard wired into the building electrical system. The grill must be listed by a recognized national testing agency such as Underwriters Laboratories (U.L.).



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- c) Listed gas-fired barbecue grill – These are grills that operate using natural gas as a fuel. They are designed to be installed permanently and are connected to the building natural gas system. The grill must be listed by a recognized national testing agency such as Underwriters Laboratories (U.L.) or American Gas Association (AGA).

### **Section 4 – Enforcement**

- a) Violation of this policy is strictly enforced by orders to remove by the fire code official and is a misdemeanor offense.

### **Section 5 – Appeals**

- a) Appeals or request to amend this Statement of Policy should be made directly to the Department of Fire Prevention. At any time, a Fire Code Official, as appointed by the Fire Chief, holds the right to amend or approve variances to this policy.
- b) The Department of Fire Prevention can be contacted by calling 952-949-8556 or via email at [firecode@edenprairie.org](mailto:firecode@edenprairie.org).