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CLARIFICATION OF RULES REGARDING GRILLS ON BALCONIES OF MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING STRUCTURES

Roseville City Code Section 902.8 states as follows:

- A. Except where the balconies and the buildings are of all masonry or steel construction, in any multi-family dwelling classified as R-1 and R-2 occupancy by the Minnesota State Building/Fire Code, no person shall kindle, maintain or cause any open flame on any balcony above ground level or on any ground floor patio within 15 feet of the structure.
- B. No person shall store or use any fuel, barbecue, torch or similar heating or lighting chemical or device in the locations designated in subsection A above.
- C. Exception: Occupants may apply to the Fire Chief or Fire Marshal for a permit to allow barbecue grills which are affixed to the balcony and which utilize direct connection to the building's electric or natural gas system.

By policy, the Roseville Fire Department does not require electric grills which are equipped with the totally enclosed electric heating element, ie. Similar to the George Forman type grill used within the home, to comply with these restrictions due to having no exposed, glowing heating element. This is due to the fact that without an exposed heating element it is not possible to ignite combustible materials.