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Dear Manager,

Due to the history of barbecue caused fires, our local fire code prohibits the use of charcoal or propane barbecues, smokers, and any open flame cooking device on apartment balconies or porches unless the area is protected by a fire sprinkler system or all adjacent building surfaces are totally non-combustible.

The only exception to this requirement is electric style barbecues or the small hibachi style barbecues that utilize the one-pound propane cylinders. These may be allowed when kept well away from combustible building surfaces and are unplugged or cylinder removed (as applicable) when not in use.

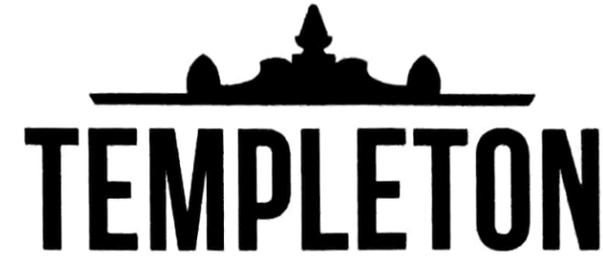
Larger propane barbeques and those using briquettes may be used if they are on ground level, at least 10 feet away from combustible materials. They must be attended to by an adult at all times, fully extinguished and cooled prior to moving back to their storage area, and the propane bottle has to be disconnected for storage.

You are receiving this letter because you own or manage properties located in Gresham Fire’s service area. As a manager, you can follow the rules outlined above, you can further limit the scope of the rules above, or you can choose to not allow barbeques on your property. We are confident you will facilitate enforcement of this regulation by notifying your tenants of the regulation and requiring compliance within your facility. We would be happy to assist you in cases where residents refuse to comply or by answering any questions you or they may have.

Thank you for your support and cooperation. You may contact us directly by calling (503) 618-2355.

Sincerely,

Gresham Fire
Life Safety Division



Dear Residents:

In an effort to keep our communities an enjoyable and safe place for all, we will be verifying that all open flame BBQ’s have been removed promptly.

Charcoal/open flame grills- This is against the fire code and can result in fines from the City of Gresham. Electric Grills are permitted. As of 03/21/2019 The Gresham Fire Inspector visually inspected the patios and many were in non-compliance of a city ordinance.

Fire code requirements currently enforced by the City of Gresham prohibit the use and storage of open flame devices (including, but not limited to, grills, chimineas and tiki torches) within 10 feet of combustible construction in apartment and condominium communities unless such buildings (including decks) are fully protected by an automatic sprinkler system. By definition, combustible construction includes building materials, fencing and railings. Electric and pellet type grills are not considered to be open flame devices and may be used.

During the course of routine fire inspections the Community Manager will be asked to provide documentation that each dwelling unit owner/tenant has been officially notified of the above-mentioned code requirements. Such documentation will be kept on file in the office and becomes, along with inspection reports, a matter of public record. I would encourage you to remove a BBQ if it has an open flame, please note that propane is not allowed to be stored within any building (i.e., apartment, basement or dwelling unit storage area. It is the responsibility of the Community Manager to ensure that all city codes and ordinances are adhered to on their property; this notice serves as legal documentation and will remain in your file for record keeping. Please be reminded that uncorrected violations are subject to a fee for service and/or a \$200.00 ticket established by the City of Gresham; along with \$50.00 non-compliance fee per your signed lease.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these requirements, please feel free to call the office at 503.667.1237.



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