

Bloomfield Township

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Dear Property Manager or Association Board Member,

The Bloomfield Township Fire Department is reaching out to all the multifamily dwellings to remind them of the fire codes restrictions and dangers of barbeque grills at your buildings.

Barbeque grills, including but not limited to: charcoal, natural gas, and propane grills are <u>not</u> permitted on balconies or patios at multifamily dwellings.

The adopted fire code for Bloomfield Township is the 2012 International Fire Code (IFC).

The IFC refers to open flame cooking devices prohibited on balconies of multifamily dwellings and reads as follows:

Charcoal burners and other open-flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet (3048 mm) of combustible construction

Exceptions:

- 1. One- and two-family dwellings.
- 2. Where buildings, balconies and decks are protected by an automatic sprinkler system.
- 3.LP-gas cooking devices having LP-gas container with a water capacity not greater than 2 1/2 pounds [nominal 1 pound (0.454 kg) LP-gas capacity].

Please visit www.btfd.org for more information on the burning ordinance and other codes.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Fire and Life Safety Division (FLSD).

Sincerely,

Peter Vlahos Fire Marshal

