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To: City of Fitchburg Property Owner / Resident / Manager,

Subject: Fire Code – Regarding Grills

On July 1, 2014, the State of Wisconsin adopted National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Chapter NFPA 1, 2012 Edition - Uniform Fire Code, as part of the Wisconsin State Fire Prevention Code, Department of Safety and Professional Services (SPS), Chapter SPS 314. Under this code, new regulations exist regulating grills on balconies. The following is a breakdown of those regulations:

NFPA 1:10.11.6 “For other than one and two family dwellings, no hibachi, grill, or other similar devices used for cooking, heating, or any other purpose shall be used or kindled on any balcony, under any overhanging portion, or within 10ft (3m) of any structure.”

SPS 314.10(2r) “For other than one- and two-family dwellings, no fuel for a hibachi, grill, or other similar device used for cooking may be stored with that equipment on a balcony.”

When used, all grills must be used on the ground level and they must be at least 10 feet away from any combustible portion of a building.

The following fire prevention code states that **a maximum of two** 2.7lb water weight (1lb gas weight) cylinders can be stored in association with each living unit of a multiple-family building.

NFPA 1:69.5.3.5 “Storage of cylinders within a residential building, including the basement or any storage area in a common basement of a multiple-family building and attached or detached garages, shall be limited to cylinders each with a maximum water capacity of 2.7 lb (1.2 kg) and shall not exceed 5.4 lb (2.4 kg) aggregate water capacity per each living space unit. [58:8.3.5]”

PLEASE NOTE: *Many condominiums or apartment complexes have regulations on the use of barbecue grills that exceed fire code requirements. Please check with your management staff to see what requirements or exceptions apply to use of grills at your complex.*

If you have any questions regarding the use of any grill, please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at (608) 278-2980.

Thank you,

Fire Prevention Bureau
City of Fitchburg Fire Department

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