



CRESTED BUTTE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Barbeque Grills

The Crested Butte Fire Protection District is operating under the International Fire Code (IFC). Adoption of the IFC includes a regulation that prohibits the use and operation of open flame cooking devices on combustible balconies, or within ten-feet of combustible construction of a building (2009 IFC Section 308.1.4 applies to the Towns of Crested Butte and Mt Crested Butte, 2003 IFC Section 308.3.1 applies within Gunnison County). The IFC also requires owners and managers to provide written notice of this open flame cooking device prohibition to all residents of multi-family buildings, and maintain proper written documentation of such notice.

This provision does not apply to one- and two-family dwelling units or where buildings, balconies and decks are protected by an approved automatic fire sprinkler system.

What about propane grills?

This section of the fire code applies to all grills including those fueled by propane. However, the fire code allows for the use of a small table top grill that is fueled by propane as long as the size of the propane cylinder is under 1-pound nominal gas capacity. Most small spin-on propane cylinders you find at the hardware or sporting goods store will fall under this 1-pound limit.

Responsibility of tenants and Property Managers

The Fire District will initially take an educational approach regarding these requirements; however, it is the responsibility of the property owners, managers and residents to comply with all provisions of the IFC. Property managers should notify each resident in writing about the restrictions related to barbeque grills.

Results of non-compliance

If a fire occurs as a result of operation or use of a barbeque grill on a combustible balcony or within ten-feet of combustible construction at a multi-family structure, and documentation cannot be provided of notification, the property manager, owner and resident may be subject to possible criminal or civil charges for violating the open flame device prohibition and maintaining a fire hazard, regardless of whether notification has been provided.

Insurance Carrier Determination

The Fire District encourages all property owners to consult their insurance carrier to determine if any additional restrictions may be in effect as part of the insurance policy on the property.

If you have questions or need further information, please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at
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