Cooking on Balconies of Apartments & Condominiums

In accordance with the International Fire Code, the manager(s) of multi-family residential occupancies which have balconies, decks, or patios should notify their tenants of the prohibitions outlined in section 308 of this code when the tenant or occupant initially occupies the building and periodically thereafter - as may be necessary to ensure compliance.

Cooking on Balconies
The International Fire Code prohibits any open flame cooking devices from being operated on a balcony or within 10 feet of a structure.

Exceptions: (1) one and two family dwellings; (2) Where buildings and decks are protected by an automatic sprinkler system.

Reference: 2018 International Fire Code Section 308.1.4 (as amended)

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