



ESTES VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

PREVENT PREPARE PERFORM

Notice of Fire Code Requirements

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RE: OPEN-FLAME COOKING DEVICES

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The following requirements outline what is required within the Estes Fire Protection District (EVFPD) as per the adopted *2018 International Fire Code (IFC)*.

Applicable Fire Code: 2018 International Fire Code (IFC):

Chapter 3 General Requirements

1. **IFC 308.1.4 Open-flame cooking devices.**

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 21/2 pounds [nominal 1-pound (0.454 kg) LP-gas capacity].

Commentary: It appears that many commercial residential occupancies are in violation of this code requirement. Piped gas grills are not exempt from this code requirement.

Corrective Action

Charcoal burners and other open-flame cooking devices shall be removed from combustible balconies and moved a minimum of 10 feet from combustible construction on commercial residential properties unless they meet exemptions 2 or 3.

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