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To: Condominium and Apartment Owners, Managers and Tenants

RE: Grills on Balconies and Storage

Recently this office has been contacted to discuss the use of electric grills on balconies of condominiums and apartments located within the East Manatee Fire Rescue District. Our department has looked into this issue and at this time we have reviewed the Florida Fire Prevention Code, NFPA 1 and East Manatee Fire Rescue Ordinance 15-A and have determined **the use and or storage of ANY cooking or heating device on a balcony of an apartment or condominium, to be a violation of the fire code and shall not be permitted.**

The specific codes are as follows:

NFPA 1:10.11.6.1. "For other than one & 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 10 feet (3 m) of any structure". (Per NFPA1, Uniform Fire Code, and Florida Fire Prevention Code 5th Edition)

NFPA 1:10.11.6.2. "For other than one & two family dwellings, no hibachi, grill or similar device used for cooking shall be stored on a balcony".

Our concern is always for the safety of our residents and we apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Should you have any questions please feel free to call.

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