



TO: ALL OWNERS AND RESIDENT
MANAGERS OF STACKED
RESIDENTIAL UNITS

FROM: COON RAPIDS FIRE DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: FIRES OR BARBECUES ON
BALCONIES OR PATIOS

Due to the popularity of grill usage, I would like to call your attention to the City Code relating to barbecues. This includes any type of grill; electric, gas or charcoal fueled.

Section 12-419 of the City Code reads as follows:

12-419 FIRES OR BARBECUES ON BALCONIES OR PATIOS

- (1) In any structure containing two or more vertically stacked residential units, no person shall kindle, maintain, or cause any fire or open flame on any balcony above ground level, or on any ground level patio immediately adjacent to or within fifteen feet of any unit.
- (2) No person shall store any fuel, barbecue, torch, or other similar heating or lighting chemicals or devices in either of the above places.

WARNING
**ANY INDIVIDUAL USING OR ALLOWING THESE DEVICES THAT CREATE,
CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTE TO ANY FIRE HAZARD, DAMAGE OR LOSS OF LIFE
WILL BE PROSECUTED AND HELD LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGES.**

We are requesting that you make your tenants aware of this ordinance. This ordinance will be enforced by the Fire Prevention Bureau. Violators will be issued a misdemeanor citation. Conviction could result in a fine up to \$700 or a jail sentence up to 90 days, or both.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Fire Department office at (763) 767-6429. I trust that we will have your cooperation in enforcing this provision.

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