



City of Lincoln
FIRE & RESCUE

OPEN FLAME COOKING DEVICES

Tenant, Building owner, or Homeowner:

The following is the City of Lincoln's regulations regarding cooking grills on decks and balconies:

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, (International Fire Code ed., Section 308.1.4)

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 2-1/2 pounds (nominal 1 pound LP-gas capacity).

Authority at fires and other emergencies: The fire code official and LFR shall have the power and authority at the scene of a fire or other emergency involving the protection of life or property to direct such operation as necessary to extinguish or control any fire. (International Fire Code 2018 ed., Section 104.11)

If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Fire Prevention, 555 South 10th St, Rm. 203, Lincoln, NE 68508, or call (402) 441-7521.

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