



FMO 2008-002

OPEN FLAME COOKING DEVICES

MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL COMPLEXES

AUTHORITY: ADOPTED MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRE CODE
TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE

2012 International Fire Code – Section 308.1.4

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].

Interpretation: This code does not apply to a single family residence or duplex. It should apply to any residential complex consisting of more than two units, however under State Law, the Montgomery County Fire Code can only be applied to complexes with 4 or more units. It is still recommended for all residential occupancies with 3 or less individual units, including a single family home.

