



DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES

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**PUBLIC SAFETY
NOTICE**

Section 17.104, Subsection 13, of the Howard County Code, "Portable Barbecue and Outdoor Cooking Appliances," may be interpreted as follows . . .

The (use) of charcoal barbecue grills and gas-fired grills on porches, decks, balconies and patios of multi-family residences (apartments and condominiums) is prohibited.

All grills must be used a minimum of 15 feet from a structure.

The storage of the gas bottles from the gas-fired grills (either attached or unattached) in the structure or on porches, decks, balconies and patios is prohibited.

Charcoal grills may be stored on porches, decks, balconies and patios provided the charcoal is completely extinguished.

Do not place ashes/coals from grills into paper bags, cardboard boxes, etc., and/or store on porches, decks, balconies or patios. Make sure the ashes/coals are completely soaked with water and place them in an outside dumpster.

Only totally electric grills are permitted. Charcoal brickets, mesquite sticks, etc., may not be added to the electric grills.

The above regulations are for your health and safety. We have requested management to assist us in the enforcement of these regulations and in the education of the residents. Your cooperation is appreciated. A citation can be issued for non-compliance.

For further information, you may contact the Bureau of Fire Prevention at 313-6040.