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Dear Apartment/Condominium Manager:

The City of Mesa adopted the International Fire Code with an effective date of February 4, 2008.

The Mesa Fire Code Section 308.3.1 specifically states:

**308.3.1 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.

**308.3.1.1 Liquefied-petroleum-gas-fueled cooking devices.** LP-gas burners having an LP-gas container with a water capacity greater than 2.5 pounds [nominal 1 pound (0.454 kg) LP-gas capacity] shall not be located on combustible balconies or within 10 feet (3048 mm) of combustible construction.

**Exception:** One- and two-family dwellings.

Beginning February 4, 2008, new codes **prohibit** the use and storage of open flame LP-gas (greater than 1 pound), or the use of charcoal barbecues on combustible (e.g. wood products) balconies unless there is a fire sprinkler overhead.

The rules apply to existing and newly constructed multi-family residential buildings which have three or more attached units. The rule does not apply to noncombustible construction such as concrete, steel, or balconies protected by fire sprinklers.

Please inform your residents about this regulation.

Thank you for helping make Mesa a safer place to live. Please feel free to call us if you have any additional questions at 480.644.2622.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Kochanski".

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