



CITY OF LAKE JACKSON  
**FIRE MARSHAL**



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To: All Apartment Residents  
From: Lake Jackson Fire Department  
Date: 08/11/2010  
Re: Use of BBQ Pits on Apartment Porches or Balconies

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In the past our Fire Department has responded to fires in apartments caused by BBQ pits used on the patios of apartments. The damage done by these fires is not only to the residents that are using the pit, but also to the other residents.

The right to a safe residence is one that we should all try to protect. The action of one resident, who causes a fire hazard to exist, endangers the safety of all other residents.

For this reason, the use of a BBQ pit, grill Hibachi or other similar device within 10 feet of a non-sprinkled building or any combustible fence, awning, canopy, or other similar combustible is deemed a fire hazard and is **prohibited**.

The City of Lake Jackson has adopted the 2006 International Fire Code. Section 308.3.1 prohibits the use of charcoal burners, liquid petroleum gas burners, or other open-flame cooking devices on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction. Combustible balconies protected by an automatic fire sprinkler system shall be an exception to this rule.

**Fines will be assessed to those in violation of this code.**

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please call the Fire Marshal's Office at (979) 415-2726.

Randy Crim  
Fire Marshal