



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

**FPB POLICY
O-12-3**

OPEN-FLAME COOKING DEVICES

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to clarify Sections 308.1.4, 3804.1 of the 2010 edition of the California Fire Code and Section 6.17.11.2 of the 2008 edition of NFPA 58, as they relate to open-flame cooking devices.

II. SCOPE

This policy applies to all open-flame cooking devices adjacent to structures, on patios, balconies or decks of other than one- and two-family dwellings.

III. GENERAL

Charcoal burners and other open-flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction.

Exceptions:

1. Where buildings, balconies and decks are protected by an automatic sprinkler system.
2. LP-gas cooking devices having LP-gas container with a water capacity not greater than nominal 1 pound LP-gas capacity.

Cylinders having water capacities greater than nominal 1 pound LP-gas capacity shall not be located on decks or balconies above the first floor unless the living units above the first floor are served by exterior stairways.

IV. COMBUSTIBLE CONSTRUCTION

Wood or vinyl siding, wood decking and fabric awnings are examples of combustible construction. For the purposes of this policy, stucco covered walls/ceilings, concrete or tile floors and wood railings facing the exterior (not between units) will be

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considered to be non-combustible construction. Note that certain composite deck and railing materials may also be considered non-combustible for the purposes of this policy. Check with the Fire Prevention Bureau for approval.

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