

**BONITA SPRINGS**

*Fire Control and Rescue District*



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## **Prohibited Use of Grills or Similar Cooking Devices, and Heating Appliances**

Dear Business Owner, Manager, or Tenant,

The Florida Fire Prevention Code (FFPC) 7th Edition, adopted by the State of Florida, has direct impact on some occupancies within our community with regards to open flame and kindling near structures:

*“For other than one and two family dwellings no hibachi, grill, or similar devices used for cooking, heating, or any other purpose, shall be used or kindled on any balcony or under any overhanging portion or within 10ft (3m) of any structure.”*

*FFPC NFPA 1, 10.10.6.1*

*“For other than one and two family dwellings, no hibachi, grill, or similar devices used for cooking shall be stored on any balcony.”*

*FFPC NFPA 1, 10.10.6.2*

*Listed electric portable, tabletop grills, not to exceed 200 square inches of cooking surface, or other similar apparatus shall be permitted. FFPC NFPA 1, 10.10.6.1.1.*

*“Listed equipment permanently installed in accordance with its listing, applicable codes, and manufacturer’s instructions shall be permitted.”*

*FFPC NFPA 1, 10.10.6.3\* (Annex: It is not the intent of this paragraph to allow the permanent installation of portable equipment unless it is permitted by its listing)*

It is our desire to inform you so you can protect your property, business, patrons, and the employees of your establishment. Voluntary compliance avoids any necessity for enforcement action, and assures a safe environment for all.

Sincerely,

Eric Scholz  
Fire Marshal