

# City of Independence

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The City of Independence has adopted the 2012 International Fire Code as a part of the City Code with reference to outdoor cooking on wooden balconies decks and patios.

**Open-flame cooking devices.** Chapter 3, Section 308, part 308.1.4. states “Charcoal burners and other open-flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction.”

Clarification means charcoal and propane grills and cookers with an open flame are not allowed to be operated on wooden decks or within 10 feet of a structure that may be ignited by a cooker with an open flame. The only exceptions are one and two family dwellings.

Exceptions:

1. One-two family dwellings.
2. Where buildings, balconies and decks are protected by an automatic sprinkler.
3. LP-gas cooking devices having LP-gas container with a water capacity not greater than 2 ½ pounds

Anyone found in violation of any part of the Fire Code is subject to a court appearance and a fine of up to \$500.00 per day per incident.

For further information, please contact the Independence Fire Prevention Bureau at (816) 325-7121 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

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