



Residents may not be aware that Collier County enforces certain codes regarding your barbeque grills and other cooking and heating devices (with significant penalties for violation). The codes are often more restrictive than any local association rules, and the county codes take precedence. Windsor Place condominium buildings house up to four families each, and the relevant codes can be explained as follows (full fire code also enclosed):

- No barbeque grill (or similar heating or cooking device), whether electric or gas, may be stored or used on covered porches or lanais.
  - All such cooking and heating devices must be used at least 10 feet from the structure. (Windsor rules call for use only in the driveways).
  - In the case of propane appliances, no more than a total of two 1-pound cylinders may be present in the attached garage at any time (e.g. one attached to the grill and one spare).
  - Propane cylinder storage (one pounders only) are restricted to the ground floor only.
- Among the implications, those commonly deployed 10lb and 25lb cylinders may not be stored anywhere in the Windsor Place buildings or garages.

Residents may wish to consult their local propane equipment dealer about inexpensive devices (less than \$10) that convert larger grills to use the small 1lb cylinders.

For reference, it may be interesting to know that a 1 pound cylinder may run your small Weber Q 1000 8500 BTU grill for 2.5 hours (5 occasions of 30 minute steak / lobsters). But if you fire up all eight burners of your 116,000 BTU Mark 8 party monster, you'll get about 11 minutes from each one pound cylinder.  $(21,600 / 116,000) * 60$ .

Bottom line, it may be best to think small, and if you like to grill frequently, make the resupply of your spare cylinder (\$3-\$4 at most local hardware and department stores) as regular as buying fresh vegetables.



To Whom It May Concern:

The North Collier Fire Control and Rescue District enforces the Florida Fire Prevention Code N.F.P.A. 1, Uniform Fire Code 2012 edition- Chapter 10 General Fire Safety, Section 10.11.6 reads as follows:

- 10.11.6.1 For other than one- and two-family dwellings, **No hibachi, grill, or other similar devices** used for cooking, heating, or any other purpose shall be used or kindled on any balcony, under any overhanging portion, or within **10 feet (3 m) of any structure.**
- 10.11.6.2 For other than one-and two-family dwellings, no hibachi, grill, or other similar devices used for cooking shall be stored on a balcony.

Storage of cylinders must meet the requirements of NFPA 58 Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code, 2011 edition. Chapter 3- Storage *Within* Residential Buildings:

Storage of cylinders within a residential building, including the basement or any storage area in a common basement of a multiple-family building and attached or detached garages, shall be limited to cylinders each with a maximum water capacity of **2.7 lb (1.2 kg)** and shall **not exceed 5.4 lb (2.4 kg)** aggregate water capacity per each living space unit.

Section 8.4 Storage *Outside* of Buildings.

8.4.1\* Location of Storage Outside of Buildings.

8.4.1.1 Storage outside of buildings for cylinders awaiting **use**, resale, or part of a cylinder exchange point shall be located as follows:

- (1) **At least 5 ft. (1.5m)** from any doorway or opening in a building frequent by the public where occupants have at least two means of egress as defined by NFPA 101, Life Safety Code.
- (2) **At least 10 ft. (3 m)** from any doorway or opening in a building or sections of a building that has only one means of egress.

If you are in violation of this code, you may be cited and can be fined a maximum of \$250.00 per day until the barbeque grill is removed. Or, we can take you to the State Attorney's Office and you may be fined up to \$500.00 and/or sixty (60) days in jail.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (239) 597-9227.

Sincerely,



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