California Fire Code 2008 Amendment

Effective January 1, 2008, open-flame cooking devices on combustible decks are not allowed by an update in the California Fire Code.

Open-flame cooking devices: Charcoal burners and other open-flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet (3048 mm) of combustible construction.

Exceptions:
1. One- and two-family dwellings.
2. Where buildings, balconies, and decks are protected by an automatic sprinkler system.

Liquefied-petroleum-gas-fueled cooking devices: LP-gas burners having an LP-gas container with a water capacity greater than 2.5 pounds [nominal 1 pound (0.454 kg) LP-gas capacity] shall not be located on combustible balconies or within 10 feet (3048 mm) of combustible construction.

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