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The Arlington County Code § 8.1, Arlington County Fire Prevention Code (AFPC) has recently been amended to reflect changes made in the 2018 Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code (VSFPC) and the exclusive requirements of Arlington County. These changes have been adopted by the County Board and can be referenced at ch08.1 firepreventioncode.pdf (arlingtonva.us)

The Arlington County Fire Department, Fire Prevention Office would like to highlight one new section of the AFPC. Section 320 Recharging and Storage of Personal Electronic Transportation Devices. Section 320, provided below, prohibits the charging and storage of commercially owned transportation devices as described in multifamily dwellings. Section 320.1 provides the general requirements of the code, excerptions permitted by the code, and defines the responsibilities of the person in control or management agent(s) of these dwellings.

Section 320 Recharging and Storage of Personal Electronic Transportation **Devices**

320.1 General: Recharging and Storage of commercially owned personal electronic transportation devices, to include but not limited to scooters, skateboards, hoverboards, all classes of pedal and throttle assist bicycles, and roller blades is prohibited in multifamily dwellings.

Except that the following are not subject to the above requirement:

- 1. Wheelchairs and other ADA-related mobility aids or devices and traditional higher speed transportation devices such as cars, buses, trucks, motorcycles.
- 2. Personally owned electronic transportation devices as listed above will be permitted at one device per 200 square feet.
- **320.1.1 Notification:** The person in control or management agent of multi-family residential occupancies shall notify their tenants or occupants in writing of the prohibitions outlined in Section 320.1 of this code. Such notification shall occur when the tenant or occupant initially occupies, renews a lease, and periodically thereafter as may be necessary to ensure compliance.



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