**INFORMATION SHEET**

**Candles and other Open-Flame Decorative Devices in Places of Assembly**

A permit shall be obtained from the Fire Prevention Bureau to use open flames or candles in connection with assembly areas, dining areas of restaurants or drinking establishments. ***UFC 105.8.c.1***

* Candles and other open-flame devices shall not be used in places of assembly or in drinking or dining establishments. ***UFC 2501.17***

**EXCEPTIONS:**

· When used in conjunction with approved heating or cooking appliances in areas not accessible to the public.

· When used in conformance with Section 1109.8.

· When used in conformance with Section 8203.2.1.8

* Candles and other open-flame decorative devices shall be in accordance with the following: ***UFC 1109.8.2***

· Classes-I and -II liquids and LP-gas shall not be used.

· Liquid- or solid-fueled lighting devices containing more than 8 ounces must self-extinguish and not leak fuel at a rate of more than 1/4 teaspoon per minute if tipped over.

· The devices or holder shall be constructed to prevent the spillage of liquid fuel or wax at the rate of more than 1/4 teaspoon per minute when the device or holder is not in an upright position.

· The device or holder shall be designed so that it will return to the upright position after being tilted to an angle of 45 degrees from vertical.

**EXCEPTION:** Units that self-extinguish if tipped over and do not spill fuel or wax at the rate of more than 1/4 teaspoon per minute if tipped over.

· The flame shall be enclosed except as follows:

· Openings on the side shall not be more than 3/8 inch diameter.

· Openings on the top and the distance to the top shall be such that a piece of tissue paper placed on the top will not ignite in 10 seconds.

· Chimneys shall be made of noncombustible materials. Such chimneys shall be securely attached to the open-flame device.

**EXCEPTION:** The chimney need not be attached to any open-flame device that will self-extinguish if the device is tipped over.

· Fuel canisters shall be safely sealed for storage.

· Storage and handling of combustible liquids shall be in accordance with Axticle 79.

· Shades, if used, shall be made of noncombustible materials and securely attached to the open-flame device holder or chimney.

· Candelabras with flame-lighted candles shall be securely fastened in place to prevent overturning and located away from occupants using the area and away from possible contact with drapes, curtains or other combustibles.

* When, in the opinion of the chief, adequate safeguards have been taken, participants in religious ceremonies are allowed to carry hand-held candles. Hand-held candles shall not be passed from one person to another while lighted. ***UFC 11 09.8.3***
* When approved, open-flame devices used in conjunction with theatrical performances are allowed to be used when adequate safety precautions have been taken.

 ***UFC 11 09.8.4***

* Flammable or combustible liquids used in the preparation of flaming foods or beverages shall be dispensed from one of the following: ***UFC 1109.9.2***
* A I -ounce container or
* A container not exceeding 1 quart capacity with a controlled-pouring device that will limit the flow to a 1-ounce serving.
* Containers shall be secured to prevent spillage when not in use. ***UFC 1109.9.2.1***
* The serving of flaming foods or beverages shall be done in a safe manner and shall not create high flames. The pouring, ladling or spooning of liquids is restricted to a maximum height of 8 inches above the receiving receptacle. ***UFC 11 09.9.2.2***
* Flaming foods or beverages shall be prepared only in the immediate vicinity of the table being serviced. They shall not be transported or carried while burning. ***UFC 11 09.9.3***
* The person preparing the flaming foods or beverages shall have a wet cloth-towel immediately available for use in smothering the flames in the event of an emergency. ***UFC 1109.9.4***

*The items listed are basic information only. Codes are subject to change. Additional requirements may apply.*