City of Pasadena Fire Department

Fire Prevention Bureau

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Candle and Open Flame Device Guidelines The following guidelines are to be adhered to: Candles

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- The use of candles in any occupancy classified as a public assembly requires a permit.
- The diameter of the base should be at least one-half the height of the candle holder.
- The use of legs is not permitted unless the holder is stable.
- The flame shall be enclosed, with the following exceptions:
 - > Openings on the side shall not be more than 3/8 inch in diameter.
 - ➤ Openings on the top shall not exceed two and ¼ (2.25") inches in diameter.
 - There shall be a minimum of two inches between the top of the flame and top of the shade of chimney.
- The candle must be securely attached to the base.
- The shade or chimney must be securely attached.
- Any base, attached display, shade or chimney must be of non-combustible materials.
- Holders shall be constructed to prevent the spilling of wax.
- A model or picture must be submitted to the Fire Prevention Bureau for approval.
- Candles shall not be left unattended when lit.
- Floating and Hand held candles shall not be permitted.
- The use of candles may require a standby fire safety officer.
- Permits are not required for battery operated simulated candles.

Requirements for Candles used in Religious Ceremonies

- Candles used in churches and similar places of worship shall be limited to areas out of reach by those not associated with the religious ceremony.
- Candelabra shall be secured in a fashion to prevent being tipped over.
- Candelabra shall be high enough that clothing cannot come in contact with lit candles.
- The use of candles may require a standby fire safety officer.
- Permits are not required for battery operated simulated candles.

Requirements for open flame devices

- The use of open flame devices in any occupancy classified as a Public Assembly requires a permit.
- Class I and Class II liquids are prohibited.
- There shall be no means to adjust the height.
- Liquid or solid fuel devices must self extinguish when tipped over.
- All materials within six inches of the open flame device shall be non-combustible.
- Fuel canisters shall be securely contained within a holder or affixed so as to prevent being tipped over.
- The use of open flame devices may require a standby fire safety officer.
- Open flame devices shall not be left unattended when lit.

The Fire Chief, or designee, is authorized to halt the use of open flames or candles if determined to be a hazard.

Thank you for taking the time to review theses guidelines. Please keep in mind that these are only guidelines and individuals are responsible to check with the Fire Department to obtain all necessary permits and pay any fees. Applications for permits can be obtained from the Fire Prevention Bureau of the Pasadena Fire Department at the following address: