



Menlo Park Fire Protection District Fire Prevention Bureau

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MENLO PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT CANDLE AND OTHER OPEN-FLAME DEVICES PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

PERMITS

An operational permit is required to use open flames or candles in connection with assembly area, dining areas of restaurants or drinking establishments. Application for a permit for Candles or other open flame devices may be submitted on the Menlo Park Fire District Plan Check Application Form.

REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS

Issuance of a permit is subject to compliance with the listed requirements and final approval by a field inspection and necessary tests.

1. Class I and Class II liquids and LP-gas shall not be used. CFC 308.3.1 #1
2. Liquid- or solid-fueled lighting devices containing more than 8 ounces (237 ml) of fuel must self-extinguish and not leak fuel at a rate of more than 0.25 teaspoon per minute (1.26 ml per minute) if tipped over. CFC 308.3.1 #2
3. The device or holder shall be constructed to prevent the spillage of liquid fuel or wax at the rate of more than 0.25 teaspoon per minute (1.26 ml per minute) when the device or holder is not in an upright position. CFC 308.3.1 #3
4. 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: Devices that self-extinguish if tipped over and do not spill fuel or wax at the rate of more than 0.25 teaspoon per minute (1.26 ml per minute) if tipped over. CFC 308.3.1 #4
5. The flame shall be enclosed except where openings on the side are not more than 0.375 inch (9.5 mm) diameter or where openings are on the top and the distance to the top is such that a piece of tissue paper placed on the top will not ignite in 10 seconds. CFC 308.3.1 #5
6. Chimneys shall be made of noncombustible materials and securely attached to the open-flame device.
Exception: A chimney is not required to be attached to any open-flame device that will self-extinguish if the device is tipped over. CFC 308.3.1 #6

THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE TO BE ON THE PREMISES AT ALL TIMES.