



El Segundo Fire Department Fire Prevention Division

Regulation F-2-a Use of Open Flames or Candles

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. **Purpose:** The purpose of this regulation is to establish a consistent regulation for the use of open flames or candles in assembly occupancies excluding places of worship.
- B. **Scope:** These regulations apply to the use of open flames or candles in assembly occupancies, excluding places of worship.
- C. **Authority:** El Segundo Municipal Code Sections 13-10-1 and 13-10-2, California Fire Code, Chapter 1, Division II, Section 102.9

II. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. Individuals, Companies and Corporations that use or allow the use of open flames or candles shall be responsible for compliance with this regulation.
- B. The El Segundo Fire Department shall ensure that the use of open flames or candles is in accordance with the adopted Regulation.

II. POLICY

- A. Permit Required
 - 1. Persons wishing to use open flames or candles and torches in an assembly occupancy must obtain a Fire Department permit prior to use per California Fire Code Section 105.6.31.
 - 2. Fire Department Permits must be obtained from the Fire Department at Fire Station # 1, 314 Main Street, El Segundo, CA 90245.
- II. Conditions of Use
 - 1. When used as part of a decoration, the flame of the candle must not reach a point within 6 inches of fresh cut foliage, nor within 12 inches of other parts of the decoration. Candles must be of a type constructed with an automatic stop which will prevent burning past a predetermined point.

NOTE: Candles used in candelabras or candle holders with no additional decoration are not required to be provided with an automatic flame stop.

2. Holding devices for candles must meet Fire Department requirements for stability. The diameter of the base must be at least one-half the height of the candle holding device. If the device is not secured to a fixed object, the base must support the device on the entire perimeter. The use of legs will be permitted only if equivalent stability is provided. Candle holding device must be constructed so that the candle is held securely in position.
3. Candle holding devices placed on tables must be at least 24 inches from the table edge and a minimum of 5 feet from curtains, drapes, or similar decorations.
4. The use of lighted candles or candelabras along aisles or in any area occupied by guests in attendance is not permitted unless specific plans and sketches have been submitted and approved.

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