



City of Anaheim  
Fire Department  
Fire Prevention Bureau  
Specifications and Requirements

**Subject:** CANDLES AND OPEN FLAME DECORATIVE DEVICES

**References:** California Fire Code, 2007 Edition; Section 308.3.2 and 308.3.5; California Code of Regulations, Title 19 Section 3.25

All candles and open flame decorative devices used in places of assembly and drinking or dining establishments must be approved and permitted by the Anaheim Fire Department. A fee is charged for this permit.

**Permit Requirements**

To obtain a permit, a sample of the candle or open flame decorative device shall be submitted to the Fire Prevention Bureau and shall be in accordance with the following:

1. Class I and II flammable liquids and liquefied petroleum gases (LPG) shall not be used.
2. Liquid or solid-fueled lighting devices containing more than eight ounces of fuel must self extinguish and leak fuel at a rate of no more than ¼ teaspoon per minute if tipped over.
3. The devices or holders shall be constructed in order to prevent spilling of liquid fuel or wax at a rate of no more than ¼ teaspoon per minute when the device or holder is not in an upright position.
4. The devices or holders 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 and do not spill fuel or wax at a rate of no more than ¼ teaspoon per minute if tipped over may be used.
5. The flame shall be enclosed, except as follows:
  - a) Openings on the sides shall be no more than 3/8 inch in diameter.
  - b) Openings on the top and the distance to the top shall be such that a single layer of tissue paper placed on the top will not ignite in ten seconds.
6. Chimneys shall be made of non-combustible 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 tipped over.
7. Shades, where used, shall be made of noncombustible materials and securely attached to the open-flame device holder or chimney.
8. Candelabras with flame-lighted candles shall be securely fastened in place to prevent overturning and shall be located away from occupants using the area and away from possible contact with drapes, curtains or other combustibles.

**Hand Held Candles**

When, in the opinion of the Fire 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.

For further information regarding these requirements contact:

Fire Prevention Bureau at (714) 765-4040 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.