



Las Vegas Fire & Rescue Fire Prevention Division Information Sheet



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CLV Ordinance #6124

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

Candles & Open Flames

An operational permit is required to use open flames or candles in connection with assembly areas, dining areas of restaurants or drinking establishments. **IFC 105.6.32**

Bonfires are prohibited. **SNFC 307.4.1**

Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material. **IFC 307.4.3**

When, in the opinion of the fire code official, 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. **IFC 308.1.7**

Where permitted open flame decorative devices must meet the following; **IFC 308.3.1**

1. Be securely supported on substantial noncombustible bases.
2. Class I and Class II liquids and LP-gas shall not be used.
3. Liquid or solid fueled lighting devices containing more than 8 ounces of fuel must self-extinguish and not leak fuel at a rate of more than ¼ teaspoon per minute if tipped over.
4. The device or holder shall be constructed to prevent the spillage of liquid fuel or wax at the rate of more than ¼ teaspoon per minute when the device or holder is not in an upright position.
5. 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.

Candles and open flames shall not be used on or near decorative vegetation. Natural cut-trees shall be kept a distance from heat vents and any open flame or heat-producing devices at least equal to the height of the tree. **IFC 806.4**

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