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OPEN FLAME DEVICES AND CANDLES PERMIT GUIDELINES

NOTE: Nothing in the Fire Code shall prevent participants in religious ceremonies from carrying hand-held candles (Ref RCW 19.27.031(3)) (2009 IFC 308.1.7)

FLAMING FOOD AND BEVERAGE PREPARATION

1. Flammable liquids may be used in the preparation of flaming foods and beverages only when dispensed from one of the following:
 - a. A 1-ounce container, or
 - b. A container not exceeding one-quart capacity with a controlled pouring device that will limit the flow to a 1-ounce serving. (2009 IFC 308.1.8)
2. Flaming foods or beverages shall be prepared only in the immediate vicinity of the table being served. They shall not be transported or carried while burning. (2009 IFC 308.1.8.4)
3. The person preparing the flaming foods or beverages shall have a wet cloth towel immediately available for use in smothering the flames in the event of an emergency. (2009 IFC 308.1.8.5)
4. The serving of flaming foods or beverages shall be done in a safe manner and shall not create high flames. The pouring, ladling, or spooning of liquids is restricted to a maximum height or 8 inches above the receiving receptacle. (2009 IFC 308.1.8.3)
5. Containers shall be secured to prevent spillage when not in use. (2009 IFC 308.1.8.2)

CANDLES AND OTHER OPEN-FLAME DECORATIVE LIGHTING

6. Class I flammable and II combustible liquids and liquefied petroleum gases shall not be used. (2009 IFC 308.3.1)
7. Liquid or solid-fueled lighting devices containing more than 8 ounces must self-extinguish and not leak fuel at a rate of more than $\frac{1}{4}$ (0.25) teaspoon per minute if tipped over. (2009 IFC 308.3.1)

Note: If there is a question whether the device meets this requirement, take the device to a safe location and conduct a field test.
8. The devices or holder shall be constructed to prevent the spilling of liquid fuel or wax at the rate of more than $\frac{1}{4}$ (0.25) teaspoon per minute when the device or holder is not in the upright position. (2009 IFC 308.8.1)

Note: If there is a question whether the device meets this requirement, take the device to a safe location and conduct a field test.

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9. 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. **(2009 IFC 308.8.1)**

Exception: Devices that self-extinguish if tipped over and that do not spill fuel or wax at a rate of more than 0.25 teaspoon per minute if tipped over.

10. The flame shall be enclosed, except as follows:

a. Openings on the sides shall not be more than 0.375 inch in diameter.

b. Openings on the top, and the distance to the top, are such that a piece of tissue paper placed on the top will not ignite in 10 seconds. **(2009 IFC 308.8.1)**