



Candles and Open Flame Decorative Devices

As a place of assembly the following requirements apply to the use of Candles and Open Flame Decorative Devices.

The City of Fargo has adopted the 2021 International Fire Code.

An operational permit is required from the fire department to use open flames or candles in connection with assembly areas, dining areas of restaurants, or drinking establishments. IFC section 105.5.36

Candles and Open Flame Decorative devices must comply with IFC section 308.3.1. The following are some of the requirements:

- Only use fuels with a flash point greater than 140 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Liquid or solid-fueled devices containing more than 8 ounces must self-extinguish and not leak more than 1/4 tsp. per minute if tipped over.
- Devices or holders shall be designed so that they will return to an upright position when tilted to an angle of 45 degrees from vertical except units that self-extinguish and do not leak more than 1/4 tsp. per minute if tipped over.
- The flame shall be enclosed in a chimney that may have side openings no larger than 3/8". The distance to the opening at the top of the chimney shall be such that a piece of tissue placed at the top will not ignite in 10 seconds.
- Chimneys, and shades if used, shall be noncombustible and securely fastened to the device unless the device is self-extinguishing.
- Fuel canisters shall be safely sealed for storage.
- Candelabras with flame-lighted candles shall be securely fastened in place to prevent overturning and located away from people, drapes, curtains, and other readily combustible materials in the area.