



# Fire Marshal's Office

## Requirements for the Use of Candles

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- ✓ Candles are only allowed on tables and bars.
- ✓ The candle base must be noncombustible and have a wide base.
- ✓ Candles must not spill more than  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a teaspoon per minute of wax or fuel if tipped over.
- ✓ The flame must be enclosed except for the top and openings of up to  $\frac{1}{2}$ " on the sides.
- ✓ If the top is open it must not ignite tissue paper placed over the top for 10 seconds.
- ✓ The candle must return to an upright position if tilted to a 45-degree angle. Candles that fail this test would still be allowed if both the following conditions are met:
  1. The candle does not spill more than  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a teaspoon per minute of wax or fuel if tipped over.
  2. The candle must self-extinguish if tipped over.
- ✓ If the candle has more than 8 ounces of solid (wax) or liquid fuel it must meet the following requirements:
  1. The candle does not spill more than  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a teaspoon per minute of wax or fuel if tipped over.
  2. The candle must self-extinguish if tipped over.

Additional questions regarding the use of candles may be directed to Inspectors Kari Schimel or Michelle Coefield at 503-823-3935 or to Inspector Gerry Alvarez at 503-823-3955.