SCOPE

This standard covers the use and safety of candles and other open-flame devices in buildings owned or leased by the City of Fresno.

PURPOSE

At the request of the City of Fresno Risk Management Division, a policy has been established for the safe use of candles, and other open flame devices or decorative lighting and incense burners in city-owned and leased buildings. The intent of this policy is to reduce the potential for personal injury and property loss.

REQUIREMENTS

The burning of candles, lanterns, oil lamps, other open-flame devices or decorative lighting, and incense burners is prohibited in all city-owned and leased buildings, except as follows:

1. When approved by the Fire Marshal (or designee) for a special event or theatrical performance, subject to the following:
   a. When candles or decorative open-flame devices or lighting are used in accordance with the California Fire Code
   b. When flaming foods or beverages are prepared in accordance with the California Fire Code.
   c. When liquid or solid-fueled warming devices are used to heat food or beverages in accordance with the California Fire Code.