



City of Santa Barbara  
Fire Prevention Bureau

**Flaming Food and Beverage Preparation**  
**2019 California Fire Code, Section 308.1.8**

This information bulletin is to make you aware of the requirements for open-flame food and beverage preparation as set forth in the 2019 California Fire Code as adopted by Ordinance #5920, Section 308. These requirements are intended to provide a reasonable degree of fire safety in the preparation of such foods and must be followed by all restaurant operators in the City of Santa Barbara.

**The use of open-flame devices shall comply with the following:**

- Flammable liquids may be used in the preparation of flaming foods and beverages only when dispensed from a (1) ounce container, or a container with a 1-quart capacity or less having a controlled pouring device that will limit the flow to (1) ounce.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 of 8 inches above the receiving receptacle.
- All containers, when not in use, shall be secured to prevent spillage.
- A permit shall be obtained from the Fire Prevention Bureau in accordance with Section 105.6 prior to engaging in activities involving open flame, fire or burning in Group A or E occupancies.

If you have any questions regarding these requirements, please feel free to contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 564-5702 during business hours.