



SKY LANTERN

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2013 California Fire Code Section 308.1.2 and 308.1.6

The uses of Sky Lanterns, also known as Kongming Lantern are airborne paper lanterns traditionally found in some Asian cultures. They are constructed from oiled rice paper on a bamboo frame, and contain a small candle or fuel cell composed of a waxy flammable material. When lit, the flame heats the air inside the lantern, causing the lantern to rise into the air. The sky lantern is only airborne for as long as the flame stays alight, after which the lantern floats back to the ground.

Because sky lanterns contain an open flame, there is a danger that they can cause a fire when landing on flammable/combustible material or natural vegetation. They can achieve quite a height and launching them in strong winds is very dangerous. Due to the extreme fire risk they pose, the **use of sky lanterns is prohibited in the City of Riverside.**