HOOKAH CAFES

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2007 California Fire Code; 2007 California Mechanical Code; California Code of Regulations; Riverside Municipal Code

HAVE YOU CHECKED WITH: ☐ Planning ☐ Building & Safety ☐ Business Tax ?

This information sheet has been prepared to identify the ventilation requirements for "hookah cafes".

Section 305.2 of the California Fire Code is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

Hot ashes, cinders or smoldering coals shall be kept indoors on a non-combustible surface, under a listed minimum Type II ventilation hood that meets the currently adopted California Mechanical Code requirements.

Disposal of hot ashes, cinders, smoldering coals or greasy or oily materials subject to spontaneous ignition shall be deposited in a covered, noncombustible receptacle and placed on a noncombustible floor, ground surface or stand a minimum of 10 feet from any structure or vehicle.

The following is provided for additional information.

All devices used to transfer coals from the container to the hookah pipe shall be of a non-combustible material.

Hookah pipes shall be securely fastened in place to prevent overturning. A clasp or hook may be used to secure the pipe to a table or other stationary object. Hot ashes shall be thoroughly cooled (at least 24 hours) before being discarded.

Change of use or occupancy requires plans to be submitted to the City of Riverside Building and Safety Division for occupancy permit. If the occupant load is 50 or more, all requirements of the CA Fire and Building Codes shall apply for an assembly occupancy, including a second exit, illuminated exit signs, and panic hardware.

If the occupant load is 50 or more, all combustible decorative materials shall be flame resistant, including curtains, tablecloths, and materials hung from ceilings and/or walls. Certificates indicating the treatments applied shall be kept at the place of business and be readily available to Riverside Fire Department personnel. The certificate must state the flame retardant material, the method used for application, and have the approval of the California State Fire Marshal. Flame retardant application services and certificates may be obtained from a licensed company.

2-A:10-B:C type fire extinguishers shall be installed in approved locations. A 2-A:10-B:C type fire extinguisher shall be within 25 feet of where the coals are prepared.

Note: References include: California Fire Code, 2007 Edition, Sections 102.3, 102.4, 104.4, 102.8, 202, 310.7, 305.2, 308.3.2, 603.7, 803.3, 803.5.1, 904.11.5.1, 906.1, 906.6, 1008.1.9, 1011.1, and 1019.1; California Mechanical Code, 2007 Edition, Section 508.1; California Code of Regulations Title 19, Division 1, Chapters 1 and 3. Riverside Municipal Code 16.32.020