



# MOBILE FIRE - RESCUE DEPARTMENT FIRE CODE ADMINISTRATION

## Sky Lanterns Prohibited

Sky Lanterns are constructed from paper and contain a candle or fuel cell that when lit heats the air in the lantern making it rise. The lanterns have a capacity to travel significant distances and heights with minimal air current and a fuel cell that can burn for several minutes.

Sky Lanterns cannot be controlled once released constituting a distinct hazard to life and property and therefore shall not be permitted within the City of Mobile.

Look to the following 2009 International Fire Code sections for additional information:

Section 307.1.1 **Prohibited open burning:** Open burning where circumstances make fire hazardous shall be prohibited.

Section 307.4.2 **Recreational fires:** Shall not be allowed within 25 feet of a structure or combustible materials. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

Section 307.5 **Attendance:** Constant attendance is required for open and recreational fires until the fire is extinguished.

Section 308.1.2 **Throwing or placing sources of ignition:** No person shall throw or place, or cause to be thrown or placed, a lighted match, cigar, cigarette, matches, or other flaming or glowing substance or object on any surface or article where it can cause an unwanted fire.

Section 308.1.6.2 **Portable fueled open-flame devices:** Devices fueled by flammable gases or liquids shall be enclosed or installed in such a way as to prevent the flame from contacting combustible material.

Section 308.2 **Permits required:** Permits shall be obtained from the fire code official, prior to engaging in activities involving open flame, fire and burning.

