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FIRE SAFETY PERMIT FOR OUTDOOR ACTIVITY

The following items represent the fire safety requirements for all outdoor activities such as: carnivals, festivals, circuses, fairs and any other similar type of event. Type 1 permit fee is \$42.00

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Vendors shall provide a minimum 2A- 10 BC type/ Class K fire extinguisher with a current service tag
2. Site plan showing dimensions, elevation & location of tents, canopy, stage, grills, exits, extinguishers, isles.
3. All used grease and oil shall be removed in an approved container
4. Cooking shall be done on a stable surface set at a safe distance away from the public
5. Dumpster or trash containers may not be placed within 15' feet of a structure.
6. Fire lane & hydrants must be kept clear at all times Access for emergency vehicles must be maintained
7. Exit lights, emergency lights, smoke detectors, and fire suppression systems must be maintained and fully operational for inspection.
8. All decorations used on stage must be made of flame resistant material.
9. Certificate of Flame Resistance in compliance with NFPA 701 must be affixed to all tents.
10. Flammables & combustibles are prohibited inside a tent. Sterno cans used to keep food warm are permitted.
11. Maintain aisles for orderly evacuation- isle width shall be 36"under 50 occupants & 44"for 50 over occupants
12. A tent with 2 or more sides must have approved Exit Signs, Emergency Lights and No Smoking Signs installed. The electrical connections shall meet Jackson Division of Inspections requirements.
13. Gasoline, LPG, charcoal or other cooking devices or any other unapproved open flame shall not be permitted inside or located within 20 feet of the tent or air-supported structure.
14. All cooking operations that produce grease laden vapors shall be equipped with a ventilating hood, duct, and automatic fire suppression system.
15. All appliances shall be listed and labeled and approved by the fire code official. (No homemade appliances).
16. No vehicles shall be parked within 5 feet of tents or canopies. Suitable barricades shall be provided to maintain a distance of 5 feet from the cooking appliance & the public.
17. Sterno warmers may be used provided the fuel containers are properly protected from being knocked over and if the fuel containers are properly enclosed within the warmer units.

PROPANE USE (LPG)

1. Propane or other gas cylinders over 20 pounds (grill size) must be secured to prevent tip over
2. Propane equipment including hose fittings, tank, and cooking appliances must be clean and in good condition.
3. Damaged or leaking equipment is not permitted.
4. Tanks must be free of rust or other damage
5. LPG tanks shall not be permitted inside or located within 20' of the tent, canopy or air-supported structure.

ELECTRIC USE

1. Wiring shall be properly sized, protected against overload and damage.
2. All wiring placed on ground shall be protected and sealed from water.
3. Only heavy-duty extension cords will be permitted where extension cords must be used.

CHARCOAL USE

1. All ash and other remains shall be removed
2. Hot ash shall be disposed off in a metal can with lid, wet down and extinguished.
3. Cooking appliance shall be on a hard level surface
4. Charcoal grills shall not be permitted inside or located within 20' of the tent, canopy or air-supported structure.



TENTS & CANOPIES

DEFINITIONS:

CANOPY- A structure, enclosure or shelter constructed of fabric or pliable materials supported by any manner, except by air or the contents it protects, and is open without sidewalls or drops on 75% or more of the perimeter.

TENT- A structure, enclosure or shelter constructed of fabric or pliable material supported by any manner except by air or the contents that it protects.

REGULATION:

The erection, operation, or maintenance of any tent, tensioned membrane structure, or canopy, excluding those used for recreational camping purposes, that meets the criteria in (a)3xvi(1) or (2) below shall require a Type 1 permit.

All tent, tensioned membrane structure, or canopy greater than 900 square up to 16,800 sq ft.

1. All tent, tensioned membrane structure, or canopy greater than 30 in one direction up to 140 feet
2. All tents/canopies that will remain in place for fewer than 180 days.
3. All tents/canopies that are used or occupied between April 1 and November 30.
4. All tents/canopies that do not have a permanent anchoring system or foundation.
5. All tents/canopies that contain platforms and bleachers up to 11 feet in height.

Fire extinguishers - at least one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating, or two portable fire extinguishers with a minimum 2-A rating each, shall be provided in/under all tents as required by section 906. N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 2404

Tents/canopies shall be constructed of fire retardant materials or be properly treated as per NFPA 701/1999. Proper documentation shall be provided by the vendor upon inspection. N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 2404.2;

Combustible materials and excessive trash shall not be located within any tent or canopy (min. 20 feet clearance). N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 2404.5

Exposed flames: Gasoline, gas, charcoal or other cooking device or any other unapproved open flame shall not be permitted inside or located within 20 feet of the tent or canopy. N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 2404.7

1. **NO** cooking under tents, (See below for exceptions).
2. **NO** deep fryers shall be under tents, (See below for exceptions).
3. **NO** cooking with grease laden vapors under tents, (See below for exceptions).

Exit signs are required when the exit serves and occupant load of 50 or more. N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 2403.12.6;

Exit signs shall be illuminated. One for occupant loads of 300 or less; or two, an approved emergency system, for occupant loads greater than 300 N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 2403.12.6.1;

Means of egress shall be illuminated from a separate circuit or source of power. (Not less than 1 foot candle (11lux) at floor level) N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 2403.12.7;

Means of egress, width of exits, aisles and passageways shall be maintained at all times. N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 2403.12.8;

1. Interior finish, decorative materials and furnishings shall comply with Chapter 8.
2. Occupant Load and Number of Exits shall be approved by the Fire Official.

General: The Fire Official upon inspection may deny or revoke a permit at any time; this can be due to failure to meet the permit conditions, unabated fire code violations or unsafe conditions. N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.7(f);

Tents larger than 16800 square feet in size, greater than 140 feet of travel distance in any one direction, bleachers or platforms higher than 11 feet, up for more than 180 days and used between December 1 and March 31 or having a permanent anchoring system or foundation shall require a NJ UCC tent permit. It is strongly recommended that tent manufacturer's specifications be strictly adhered to general guidelines indicate that tents should not be erected & occupied during sustained wind conditions exceeding 25 mph

Cooking activities under canopies may be approved based upon the following:

1. The issuance of a Type 1 Permit pursuant to N.J.A.C 5:70-2.7 (a)3.v.
2. The use of membrane structures for cooking activities is restricted to free standing canopies with no sides attached during cooking activities. *Exception: Tents installed pursuant to a permit issued under the New Jersey Uniformed Construction Code wherein the cooking activity was included as part of application, review and approval process.*
3. A diagram is submitted that includes a floor plan showing the location of the cooking appliances and any fuel sources or supplies.
4. The cooking canopy is located no less than five feet from any other canopy, tent or structure.
5. The canopy fabric is flame resistant and the applicant has provided the Fire Official with a certification attesting the flame resistance as required by Section 2001.8 of the UFC.
6. All cooking equipment to be placed under a canopy is listed for commercial use. (example: a residential barbecue is not listed for commercial use)
7. LP-Gas containers are located at the outer edge of the canopy, a minimum of five feet from the heat-producing appliance. The containers are protected to prevent tampering or damage by vehicles or other hazards. The containers are securely fastened and free of leaks. Safety relief valves are pointed away from the canopy.