

TENT REGULATIONS

Regulated by Chapter 24 of the International Fire Code

If the request for a Temporary Use Permit includes a tent, the following regulations (at a minimum) shall apply. Note that below is a summary of the regulations listed in Chapter 24 of the International Fire Code. Tent requests must meet all of the regulations within Chapter 24 as determined by the Fire Inspector and/or Building Official. The Chapter in its entirety may be supplied upon request.

Location & Emergency Access

- Tents shall not be located within 20' of lot lines, buildings, other tents or parked cars.
- An unobstructed fire break passage-way or fire road not less than 12 feet wide and free from guy ropes or other obstructions shall be maintained on all sides of all tents, canopies and membrane structures unless otherwise approved by the fire code official.

Means of Egress

- Tents, canopies or membrane structures or a usable portion thereof shall have at least one exit and not less than the number of exits required by the following table

Occupant load	Min. # of means of egress (inches)	Minimum width of each means of egress (inches)	
		Tent or Canopy	Membrane Structure
10 - 199	2	72	36
200 - 499	3	72	72
500 - 999	4	96	72
1,000 – 1,999	5	120	96
2,000 – 2,999	6	120	96
Over 3,000*	7	120	96

**when occupant load exceeds 3,000, the total width of means of egress shall not be less than the total occupant load multiplies by 0.2 inches per person.*

- For occupant loads over 50 people, exit signs shall be provided, clearly marked and installed at required exit doorways.
- Exit signs shall be of an approved self-luminous type or shall be internally illuminated.
- All means of egress shall be illuminated.

Cooking

- Open or other device emitting flame, fire, heat or any flammable or combustible liquids, gas, charcoal or other cooking device shall not be permitted inside or located within 20 feet of the tent, canopy or membrane structure unless approved by the fire code official.

Fire Extinguishers

- A minimum of (1) ABC extinguisher with a 2A10BC rating shall be provided and placed in a visible and unobstructed location. More may be required by Code.
- Travel distance to an extinguisher shall not be more than 75'.

Fireworks

- Fireworks shall not be used within 100 feet of tents, canopies or membrane structure.

Smoking

- Smoking is not permitted in tents, canopies or membrane structures and "No Smoking" signs shall be posted