

TENT PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

(not all inclusive)

Final approval subject to inspecting Fire Marshal

2403.4 Permits.

Permits shall be required as set forth in Sections 105.6 and 105.7.

2403.8.2 Location.

Tents, canopies, or membrane structures shall not be located within 20 feet (6096 mm) of lot lines, buildings, other tents, canopies or membrane structures, parked vehicles or internal combustion engines. For the purpose of determining required distances, support ropes and guy wires shall be considered as part of the temporary membrane structure, tent or canopy.

2404.5 Combustible materials.

Hay, straw, shavings or similar combustible materials shall not be located within any tent, canopy or membrane structure containing an assembly occupancy, except the materials necessary for the daily feeding and care of animals. Sawdust and shavings utilized for a public performance or exhibit shall not be prohibited provided the sawdust and shavings are kept damp. Combustible materials shall not be permitted under stands or seats at any time. The areas within and adjacent to the tent or air-supported structure shall be maintained clear of all combustible materials or vegetation that could create a fire hazard within 20 feet (6096 mm) from the structure. Combustible trash shall be removed at least once a day from the structure during the period the structure is occupied by the public.

2404.6 Smoking.

Smoking shall not be permitted in tents, canopies or membrane structures. Approved "No Smoking" signs shall be conspicuously posted in accordance with Section 310.

2404.7 Open or exposed flame.

Open flame or other devices emitting flame, fire or heat or any flammable or combustible liquids, gas, charcoal or other cooking device or any other unapproved devices shall not be permitted inside or located within 20 feet (6096 mm) of the tent, canopy or membrane structures while open to the public unless approved by the fire code official.

2404.11 Clearance.

There shall be a minimum clearance of at least 3 feet (914 mm) between the fabric envelope and all contents located inside the tent or membrane structure.

2404.12 Portable fire extinguishers.

Extinguishers shall be provided as required by Section 906. Generally, one 2A-10BC for each 3,000 square feet with a maximum travel distance of 75 feet. Extinguishers shall be maintained and serviced annually (as denoted by a currently dated tag attached to the extinguisher.)

906.6 Unobstructed and unobscured.

Fire extinguishers shall not be obstructed or obscured from view. In rooms or areas in which visual obstruction cannot be completely avoided, means shall be provided to indicate the locations of extinguishers.

2404.15.3 Location.

Cooking and heating equipment shall not be located within 10 feet (3048 mm) of exits or combustible materials.

2404.15.5 Cooking tents.

Tents where cooking is performed shall be separated from other tents, canopies or membrane structures by a minimum of 20 feet (6096 mm).

2404.17.2 Flammable and combustible liquid storage.

Flammable and combustible liquids shall be stored outside in an approved manner not less than 50 feet (15240 mm) from tents, canopies or membrane structures. Storage shall be in accordance with Chapter 34.

2404.18.2 Fuel systems.

Vehicles or equipment shall not be fueled or defueled within the tent, canopy or membrane structure.

2404.18.2.3 Closure.

Fuel tank openings shall be locked and sealed to prevent the escape of vapors.

2404.18.3 Location.

The location of vehicles or equipment shall not obstruct means of egress.

2404.18.5.2 Fueling.

Refueling shall be performed outside of the structure in accordance with Section 2404.17.3.

2404.18.5.3 Spills

Fuel spills shall be cleaned up immediately.

2404.21 Vegetation removal.

Combustible vegetation shall be removed from the area occupied by a tent, canopy or membrane structure, and from areas within 30 feet (9144 mm) of such structures.

2404.22 Waste material.

The floor surface inside tents, canopies or membrane structures and the grounds outside and within a 30 foot (9144 mm) perimeter shall be kept clear of combustible waste. Such waste shall be stored in approved containers until removed from the premises.

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