



Development Policy

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Subject: Temporary Structures for Special Events

Purpose:

To verify that overhead structures and electrical installations at temporary events meet the minimum safety requirements.

General Requirements:

Stages with scaffolding, trusses or other overhead conditions will require a building permit. Any temporary structure that has electrical installations of lighting or receptacles that are supplied from the utility company or a generator will require an electrical permit.

Documents Required:

Temporary stages with overhead conditions must provide:

1. Two site plans showing the location of the stage and the distances to any adjacent buildings or structures.
2. Two sets of drawings of the stage sealed by a licensed Texas Professional Engineer and showing compliance with the minimum structural live, dead, and wind load provisions of the Fort Worth Building Code.

Procedure:

Applicants will apply for a building permit and submit required documents at the Permitting Center. City staff will review the provided site plan for proximity to other buildings and engineer's seal on stage documents. Stages must be 20' from adjacent buildings and the engineer's plans must show a design wind load of 90 mph measured as a 3-second gust. If the plans are not approved, revisions will be required. Once plans are approved, applicant is issued an orange card and building inspections are



scheduled. If Electrical Permits are required, they can only be obtained by master electricians. Information regarding the size of the generator, temporary power poles, lighting and receptacles must be provided.