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Tents/Canopies Guidelines

NJ UNIFORM FIRE CODE: TENTS/CANOPIES

TENTS/CANOPIES – TYPE 1 FIRE SAFETY PERMIT, Bordentown City $29.00 and Bordentown Township $54.00. An application for permit shall be completed. Site plan and seating diagram may be required.

All tents/canopies greater than 900 square feet with or without side panels will require a separate permit for each. (up to 16,800 square feet)
All tents/canopies greater than 30 feet in travel distance in any one direction will require a separate permit for each. (up to 140 feet)
All tents/canopies that contain platforms and bleachers up to 11 feet in height will require a separate permit for each.
(This applies to all tents used for commercial use)

PROVIDE PROPER:
1-ILLUMINATED EXIT SIGNS (tents with side panels)
2-EMERGENCY LIGHTING
3-EXIT OPENINGS, MIN. 36 INCHES
4-AISLE WIDTH, MIN. 44 INCHES
5-FIRE RETARDANT CERTIFICATION OF TENT MATERIALS
6-FIRE RETARDANT CERTIFICATION OF INTERIOR DECORATIONS
7-FIRE EXTINGUISHERS AT ALL EXITS
8-OCCUPANT LOAD AND NUMBER OF EXITS SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE NJ DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY

N.J.A.C. 5:70-3.1(a) 20, F-2001.3; All tents shall be installed and comply with the N.J. Uniform Construction Code and maintained in accordance with NFPA 102/1995.
N.J.A.C. 5:70-3.1(a) 20, F-2001.7; Tents shall be constructed of fire retardant materials or be properly treated as per NFPA 701/1995. Proper documentation shall be provided by the vendor upon inspection.
N.J.A.C. 5:70-3.1(a) 20, F-2002.1; Combustible materials and excessive trash shall not be located within any tent or air-supported structure (min. 20 feet clearance).
N.J.A.C. 5:70-3.1(a) 20, F-2002.2; 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 air-supported structure.

NO cooking under tents.
NO deep fryers shall be under tents.
NO cooking with grease laden vapors under tents.

N.J.A.C. 5:70-3.1(a) 20, F-2002.6; Fire extinguishers required in/under tents, 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.

N.J.A.C. 5:70-3.1 (a) 3, F-309.2; Excessive grease and residue buildup on kitchen exhaust systems, cleaning required.

N.J.A.C. 5:70-3.1 (a) 5, F-511.1; Dry chemical extinguishing systems shall be maintained and inspected semi-annually as per NFPA 17/1994.

N.J.A.C. 5:70-3.1 (a) 5, F-512.1; Wet chemical extinguishing systems shall be maintained and inspected semi-annually as per NFPA 17A/1994.

NJ UCC TENT PERMIT REQUIRED:
LARGER THAN 16800 SQUARE FEET IN SIZE, GREATER THAN 140 FEET OF TRAVEL DISTANCE IN ANY ONE DIRECTION, BLEACHERS HIGHER THAN 11 FEET, TENTS UP FOR MORE THAN 180 DAYS