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NJ UNIFORM FIRE CODE: TENTS/CANOPIES

Fire Safety Permit

- All vendors with tents/canopies meeting the below shall be required to apply for a Type 1015 fire safety permit with The NJ Division of Fire Safety for each tent/canopy for every event.
- 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.

Conditions and Sizes

- All tents/canopies greater than 900 square feet up to 16,800 square feet with or without side panels will require a separate permit for each.
- All tents/canopies greater than 30 feet up to 140 feet in any dimension will require a separate permit for each.
- All tents/canopies that will remain in place for fewer than 180 days.
- All tents/canopies that are used or occupied between April 1 and November 30.
- All tents/canopies that do not have a permanent anchoring system or foundation.
- All tents/canopies that contain platforms and bleachers up to 11 feet in height.
- Tents/canopies shall be constructed of fire-retardant materials or be properly treated as per NFPA 701/2010. Proper documentation shall be provided by the vendor upon inspection.
- Combustible materials and excessive trash shall not be located within 20 feet of any tent or canopy

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.

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.
- No cooking under tents.
- NO deep fryers shall be under tents.
- NO cooking with grease laden vapors under tents.
- See Bulletin 2006-1 for further information and exceptions.

Exits and Egress

- Exit signs are required when the exit serves an occupant load of 50 or more.
- Exit signs shall be illuminated for occupant loads of 300 or less; or an approved emergency system, for occupant loads greater than 300.
- Means of egress shall be illuminated from a separate circuit or source of power.

- Means of egress, width of exits, aisles and passageways shall be maintained.
- Interior finish, decorative materials and furnishings shall comply with Chapter 8.
- Occupancy Load and Number of Exits shall be approved by the NJ Division of Fire Safety.

NJ UCC TENT PERMIT REQUIRED

- Larger than 16800 square feet in size, greater than 140 feet in any dimension, 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.