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TENTS & CANOPIES

Introduction

This document is intended to detail specific conditions and limitations regarding permits required by Ordinance. While every attempt has been made to ensure this document is as complete and accurate as possible, any error or omission should not be considered as permission to violate any specific provision of the code.

General Requirements

Fire safety requirements for tents shall comply with the Ky. Building Code and NFPA 1 and 102.

TENT – is a temporary structure, enclosure or shelter constructed of fabric or pliable material supported by any other manner except by air or the contents it protects.

CANOPIE – same as above however, is open without sidewalls or drops on 75 percent or more of the perimeter.

- A fire department permit is required for all tents or canopies except those for use at single family properties. This permit is in addition to any other required permit.
- Temporary tent permit shall be valid for a time not to exceed 60 days. The permit may be renewed up to two times.
- Tents, canopies and temporary membrane structures shall be used for a period of not more than 180 day out of a 12-month period on a single premise.

- Fire department access roads and fire protection equipment shall remain unobstructed at all times.
- Tents, canopies and temporary membrane structures shall be adequately roped, braced and anchored to withstand the elements of weather against collapsing.
- The sidewalls, drops, top, floor coverings and decorative materials shall be composed of flame-resistant material or treated with a flame retardant material in an approved manner.
- Tents, canopies and temporary membrane structures shall not be located within 20 feet of property lines, buildings, temporary, membrane structures, other tents, canopies, parked vehicles or internal combustion engines.
- The number and location of portable fire extinguishers shall be maintained at all times.
- Occupant load shall be posted where number of occupants exceeds 50

Occupant Load	Minimum Means of Egress	Minimum Width of Each Means of Egress (inches)	
		Tent or Canopy	Membrane Structure
10 to 199	2	72	36
20 to 499	3	72	72
500 to 999	4	96	72
1,000 to 1,999	5	120	96
2,000 to 2,999	6	120	96
Over 3,000	7	120	96

General exit guidelines from IFL as referred in Kentucky Building Codes.

Exiting Requirements

- Exiting shall comply with building and fire code.
- Exit signs shall be installed when occupant load is in excess of 50 and illuminated or self-luminous when more than 100.
- Do not obstruct exits or exit passageways.
- If curtains over exits are installed they shall be free sliding on a metal support and be of a color that contrasts with the color of the tent.

Control of Combustibles

- Smoking is not permitted in or adjacent to tents, canopies and temporary membrane structures. NO SMOKING signs shall be conspicuously posted.
- Open flames and devices capable of igniting combustible material shall not be used in or adjacent to a temporary membrane structure, tent or canopy, unless otherwise approved by the chief.
- Tents where cooking and warming (electric only) is performed shall be separated from other tents, canopies and temporary membrane structures by a minimum of 20 feet.
- Cooking and heating equipment shall not be located within 10 feet of exits or combustible materials.
- Generators and other internal combustion power sources shall be separated from tents, canopies and temporary membrane structures by a minimum of 20 feet and isolated from contact with the public by fencing, enclosure or other approved means. Any heating requires additional approvals.