

## TENT INFORMATION

### For tents on the property of a SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE:

A tent permit is required **UNLESS:**

Tent is smaller than 350 sq. ft. **OR**

Tent is smaller than 901 sq. ft. **AND** has no heating appliances **AND** is occupied by fewer than 50 people **AND** is erected for less than 72 hours.

Information required to be submitted with tent applications:

A certificate attesting to the flame resistance of the fabric for each tent to be used.

If the occupant load is greater than 49 a site and floor plan shall be provided detailing the means of egress facilities, seating capacity and arrangement, and the location and type of heating and electrical equipment.

Portable heating or cooking appliances utilizing propane as the fuel source require a permit **UNLESS:**

The appliance has a self-contained fuel supply.

Gas work that involves fabrication of components must be performed by a licensed contractor **UNLESS:**

The owner of an owner occupied single family residence is personally doing the work **OR**

There is no fabrication or modification of approved pre-manufactured components **AND**

The work consists only of joining approved pre-manufactured components together.

Temporary electrical to tent, including generator supplied power, requires a permit **UNLESS:**

The work consists only of connecting approved portable electric equipment to approved permanently installed receptacles.

Per Consumer Protection electrical work must be performed by a licensed contractor **UNLESS:**

The owner of an owner occupied single family residence is personally doing the work **OR**

The temporary power and lighting consists of assembling pre-manufactured cord and cap listed assemblies (such as everyday job site cords and drop lights with a molded cord and cap) **OR**

A person is providing an electric generator which has fixed in place receptacle outlets being part of the approved assembly.

**The following code excerpts apply to tents erected on the property of a single family residence:**

- 1) Tents or membrane structures and their appurtenances shall be adequately roped, braced and anchored to withstand the elements of weather and prevent against collapsing. No tent is designed to resist extreme weather events; it is the owner's responsibility to ensure that the tent is not occupied if extreme weather threatens.
- 2) Tents with sides and an occupant load of greater than 49 shall be provided with internally illuminated exit signs, or shall be externally illuminated from 2 separate circuits or from two separate sources of power if the occupant load exceeds 300.
- 3) The means of egress shall be illuminated while the structure is occupied. The fixtures required for means of egress illumination shall be supplied from a separate circuit or source of power.
- 4) ALL receptacles providing power within or around the tent must be GFCI protected.

## For tents on ANY PROPERTY other than that of a single family residence:

A tent permit is required **UNLESS:**

Tent is smaller than 401 sq. ft. **OR**

Tent is smaller than 701 sq. ft. **AND** is open on all sides **AND** has a clearance of 12 ft. to all other structures and tents **OR**

Tent is smaller than 901 sq. ft. **AND** has no heating appliances **AND** is occupied by fewer than 50 people **AND** is erected for less than 72 hours.

Information required to be submitted with tent applications:

A certificate attesting to the flame resistance of the fabric for each tent to be used.

If the occupant load is greater than 49 a site and floor plan shall be provided detailing the means of egress facilities, seating capacity and arrangement, and the location and type of heating and electrical equipment.

Portable heating or cooking appliances utilizing propane as the fuel source require a permit **UNLESS:**

The appliance has a self-contained fuel supply.

Gas work that involves fabrication of components must be performed by a licensed contractor **UNLESS:**

There is no fabrication or modification of approved pre-manufactured components **AND**

The work consists only of joining approved pre-manufactured components together.

Temporary electrical to tent, including generator supplied power, requires a permit **UNLESS:**

The work consists only of connecting approved portable electric equipment to approved permanently installed receptacles.

Per Consumer Protection electrical work must be performed by a licensed contractor **UNLESS:**

The temporary power and lighting consists of assembling pre-manufactured cord and cap listed assemblies (such as everyday job site cords and drop lights with a molded cord and cap) **OR**

A person is providing an electric generator which has fixed in place receptacle outlets being part of the approved assembly.

**The following code excerpts apply to tents erected on property other than that of a single family residence:**

- 1) Tents or membrane structures and their appurtenances shall be adequately roped, braced and anchored to withstand the elements of weather and prevent against collapsing. No tent is designed to resist extreme weather events; it is the owner's responsibility to ensure that the tent is not occupied if extreme weather threatens.
- 2) Tents with sides and an occupant load of greater than 49 shall be provided with internally illuminated exit signs, or shall be externally illuminated from 2 separate circuits or from two separate sources of power if the occupant load exceeds 300.
- 3) The means of egress shall be illuminated while the structure is occupied. The fixtures required for means of egress illumination shall be supplied from a separate circuit or source of power.
- 4) ALL receptacles providing power within or around the tent must be GFCI protected.
- 5) Smoking shall not be permitted in tents or membrane structures.
- 6) Open flame devices shall not be permitted inside or located within 20 ft. of the tent.
- 7) Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided for all tents and also shall be located within 30 ft. of commercial cooking equipment.
- 8) Tents with an occupant load of less than 10 shall have 1 exit, with an occupant load of 10 to 199 shall have 2 six-foot wide exits, and with an occupant load of 200 to 499 shall have 3 six-foot wide exits.
- 9) Exit openings shall remain open unless covered by a flame resistant curtain. The curtain shall be free sliding on a metal support and be of a color that contrasts with the color of the tent.
- 10) Cooking tents or outdoor cooking areas shall be separated from other tents by a minimum of 20 ft.
- 11) Gas containers shall be separated by not less than 10 ft. away from the tent. Safety release valves shall be pointed away from the tent. Containers shall be securely fastened in place.
- 12) Generators shall be separated from tents by a minimum of 20 ft. AND shall be isolated from contact with the public by fencing, enclosure, or other approved means.