

Standard Tent Permit Requirements

Tents shall be permitted only on a temporary basis.

Tents shall be erected to cover not more than 75 percent of the premises, unless otherwise approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

All tent fabric shall meet the flame propagation performance criteria contained in NFPA 701, Standard Methods of Fire Tests for Flame Propagation of Textiles and Films.

One of the following shall serve as evidence that the tent fabric materials have the required flame propagation performance:

- 1) a certificate or other evidence of acceptance by an organization acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.
- 2) a report of tests made by other inspection authorities or organizations acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.

There shall be a minimum of 10 ft (3050 mm) between stake lines.

Adjacent tents shall be spaced to provide an area to be used as a means of emergency egress.

Where 10 ft (3050 mm) between stake lines does not meet the requirements for means of egress, the distance necessary for means of egress shall govern.

Tents not occupied by the public and not used for the storage of combustible material shall be permitted to be erected less than 10 ft (3050 mm) from other structures where the authority having jurisdiction deems such close spacing to be safe from hazard to the public.

Tents, each not exceeding 1200 ft² (112 m²) in ground area and located in fairgrounds or similar open spaces, shall not be required to be separated from each other, provided that safety precautions meet the approval of the authority having jurisdiction.

The placement of tents relative to other structures shall be at the discretion of the authority having jurisdiction, with consideration given to occupancy, use, opening, exposure, and other similar factors.

The ground enclosed by any tent, and the ground for a reasonable distance but for not less than 10 ft (3050 mm) outside of such a tent, shall be cleared of all flammable or combustible material or vegetation that is not used for necessary support equipment. The clearing work shall be accomplished to the satisfaction of the authority having jurisdiction prior to the erection of such a tent. The premises shall be kept free from such flammable or combustible materials during the period for which the premises are used by the public.

Smoking shall not be permitted in any tent.

Portable fire-extinguishing equipment of approved types shall be furnished and maintained in tents in such quantity and in such locations to meet the requirements of NFPA 10.

Only labeled heating devices shall be used.

Heaters used inside a tent shall be approved.

Containers for liquefied petroleum gases shall be installed not less than 60 in. (1525 mm) from any tent and shall be in accordance with the provisions of NFPA 58, Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code.

Tanks shall be secured in the upright position and protected from vehicular traffic.

Unsecured seats shall be permitted, provided that, in the area used for seating, excluding such areas as dance floors and stages, there is not more than one seat for each 15 ft² (1.4 m²) of net floor area, and adequate aisles to reach exits are maintained at all times.

Plans drawn to scale showing the arrangement of furnishings or equipment shall be submitted to the authority by the building owner, manager, or authorized agent to substantiate conformance with the provisions of the Life Safety Code

The layout plans shall constitute the only acceptable arrangement, unless one of the following criteria is met:

- (1) The plans are revised.
- (2) Additional plans are submitted and approved.
- (3) Temporary deviations from the specifications of the approved plans are used, provided that the occupant load is not increased and the intent of the Life Safety Code is maintained.

Travel Distance to Exits. Exits shall be arranged so that the total length of travel from any point to reach an exit shall not exceed 200 ft (61 m) in any assembly occupancy, unless otherwise permitted by the following:

- (1) The travel distance shall not exceed 250 ft (76 m) in assembly occupancies protected throughout by an approved, supervised automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 9.7.
- (2) The travel distance requirement shall not apply to smoke-protected assembly seating as permitted by the Life Safety Code

Illumination of Means of Egress. Means of egress, other than for private party tents not exceeding 1200 ft² (112 m²), shall be illuminated in accordance with the Life Safety Code

Emergency lighting shall be provided.

Private party tents not exceeding 1200 ft² (112 m²) shall not be required to have emergency lighting. Means of egress shall be provided with signs.