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## Summer Festival 2018

### Permit and General Requirements for Tents and Canopies

In Accordance with the N.C. Fire Code – Chapter 24, the following specific guidelines shall be followed in reference to tents or canopies and membrane structures.

**2403.2 Approval Required.** Tents and membrane structures having an area in excess of 400 square feet shall not be erected, operated or maintained for any purpose without first obtaining a permit and approval from the Fire Code official.

#### **Exceptions:**

- Tents used exclusively for recreational camping purposes.
- Fabric canopies open on all sides which comply with the following:
  1. Individual canopies having a maximum size of 700 square feet
  2. The aggregate area of multiple tents placed side by side without a fire break clearance of 12 feet, not exceeding 700 square feet.
  3. A minimum clearance of 12 feet to all structures and other tents.

**2404.15.5 Cooking Tents.** Tents where cooking is performed shall be separated from other tents, canopies or membrane structures by a **minimum of 20 feet.**

**2404.3 Label.** Membrane structures, tents or canopies shall have a permanently affixed label bearing the identification of size and fabric or material type.

*(All tents or canopies used for cooking should be of a flame restraint material)*

**2404.12 Portable Fire Extinguishers.** Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided as required. A 5lb ABC rated fire extinguisher shall be located within close proximity of the tent, canopy or membrane structure. All extinguishers shall have a **current inspection tag affixed** that is within one year of last inspection by a qualified fire extinguisher service company. New extinguishers can be tagged and dated out of the box with the manufacturer supplied tag for the first year after purchase.

**All tents will be weighted down in a way to keep them from moving in case of heavy winds. Sand Bags, Water Bottles, 5 Gallon Buckets and Concrete Blocks work well.**

**Note:** These general requirements are not all inclusive and more detailed information may be provided by the Fire Marshal during the permitting process or by contacting this office.

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