



USE OF TENTS

The BOCA Codes and the NFPA FIRE codes control the use of tents for public functions. Some of the main highlights are as follows:

All tent usage requires a tent permit and a separate permit is required for each use. The Permit application shall include a detail of the tent on site, seating plans, tent size and size of area it is in, aisles and stake lines, and electrical and mechanical features.

All tents used beyond daylight hours shall have exit lights on all exits and emergency lighting.

All electrical features shall comply with the National Electrical Code and be inspected prior to use.

The material of the tent shall comply with NFPA 701 and the manufacturer must provide a Certificate of Flame Proofing.

There shall be a minimum of ten feet between stake lines.

No flammable material or vegetation within 20 feet and no open flame within 20 feet. The use of LP gas is prohibited.

If a tent is used for dining with tables and chairs capacity is based on 15 square feet per person. Other uses and arrangements are based on the function and size of the tent. The 15 square feet is also granted and restricted by the aisle size and travel distance.

In the TOWN SQUARE area the fire line extends 20 feet from the edge of the overhang and there is a 20-foot area around all fire hydrants and sprinkler connections. The fire lane runs through the courtyard.

This is a quick general overview as the seating and inside setup must comply with NFPA 101 Life Safety Code also.

I would suggest that you contact me as far in advance as possible for each group to eliminate problems and confusion.

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