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TENTS, CANOPIES & TEMPORARY MEMBRANE STRUCTURES SPECIFICATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

References: California Fire Code; California Code of Regulations

Tents and canopies in excess of 400 square feet require a permit from Anaheim Fire & Rescue prior to installation. Please provide the permit application, business license, flame retardant certificate, payment made payable to the City of Anaheim and a diagram listing the following:

Diagram specifying the following:

1. Location of tents/canopies – which shall not be located with 20 feet of property lines, buildings, parked vehicles or internal combustion engines unless otherwise approved by Anaheim Fire & Rescue. For determining required distances, support ropes shall be considered as part of the membrane structure, tent or canopy.
2. Square footage of the canopy/tent.
3. Number of tent walls.
4. Location of any fire lanes or fire equipment.
5. Location of exits (including size, type and etc.).
6. Location of fire extinguishers (minimum 2A:10BC with current service tag).
7. Location of “No Smoking” signs.
8. Location of generator.
9. Location of cooking or heating equipment.
10. Location of chairs, tables, merchandise, decorative material and exhibits.
11. Aisle size and locations.

Permit Exceptions:

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

Decorative Materials

All drapes, hangings, curtains, drops, tents, canopies, hay and all other decorative material shall be of approved flame retardant material. Proof of flame retardant process shall be provided.

Other Requirements

- Barricades shall be easily movable in the event of an emergency. Fire hydrants and fire department connections shall not be obstructed by booth displays.
- All electrical wiring and appliances shall comply with the National Electrical Code.
- A generator requires a permit from the City of Anaheim Building Division.
- Additional permits may be required from the City of Anaheim Planning & Zoning Division at (714) 765-5139 prior to approval from Anaheim Fire & Rescue.

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