

2011 TENT APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS

These attachments to be on site for inspection

The purpose of this attachment is to only assist inspection of temporary structures, for indicating basic code requirements and most frequent inspection failures.

- Assembly rooms/spaces to comply with OFC, section 1301:7-7-10; (D) (B) (3). This attachment is to serve as an occupant load posting for the temporary event.
- Time of Service: From; _____, To; _____.
- Design occupant load maximum for tent(s); _____ Occupants Maximum. The Fire Jurisdiction has the authority to lower the occupant load per the Ohio Fire Code.
- Use / Occupancy; _____, Construction Type; _____.
- **High wind Action Plan:** Initiate an evacuation/take-down for wind speeds of; _____ mph.
- Tents to comply with **OBC, sections 102.8, 102.8.1, 102.10 (Item #10), 111.1.6, 3103, OFC, section 1301:7-7-24, and the "Bureau Policy for Tent Permit"**
- **Fire Watch Plan** for Place of Assembly; shall include a circus, carnival, tent show, theater, skating rink, dance hall or other place of assembly in or under which persons gather for any purpose. When, in the opinion of the Code Official, it is essential for public safety in a tent used as a Place of Assembly or any other use where people congregate, because of the number of persons, or the nature of the performance, exhibition, display, contest or activity. Please, submit a Fire Watch Plan, (see attachment) for approval by the local Fire Authority.
- Tents shall be adequately roped, braced and anchored to withstand the elements of weather and prevent against collapsing. Documentation of structural stability shall be furnished to the Code Official. Anchor per manufacturer's recommendations and/or installation specifications. **High Wind Action Plan** may be required for events at the discretion of the Code Official.
- Tent structure to be open sided, unless specifically approved as a part of this approval. Required number of occupants / exit as follows; 0-9; 1 exit @ 36", 10-199; 2 exits @ 72" each, 200-499; 3 exits @ 72" each, 500-999; 4 exits @ 96" each, 1000-1999; 5 exits @ 120" each, 2000-2999; 6 exits @ 120" each, 3000+; 7 exits @ 120" each. When the occupant load exceeds 3,000, the total width of means of egress (in inches) shall not be less than the total occupant load multiplied by 0.2 inches per person.
- Tent to be located from other structures or tents on the site per "**Bureau Policy for Tent Permit**". Applications in conflict with this policy require approval of the Code Official.
- Tent fabric flammability test report(s) to be posted on site: indicating compliance ONLY to NFPA 701 as required. Permanent sewn-in fabric certification must be displayed for inspection and not to be removed.
- Exits shall be spaced at approximately equal intervals around the perimeter of the tent and shall be located such that all points are 100 feet or less from an exit.
- Exit signs shall be either listed in accordance with UL 924 and as listed as the internally illuminated type and used in accordance with the listing or shall be externally illuminated by luminaires.
- Provide Temporary or Permanent toilet facilities within 500' of this structure for both male & female occupants. Accessible facilities required to a ratio of, (1) accessible: (6) standard per OBC, section; 102.8.1.
- No cooking under tent, unless specifically approved by the State of Ohio Fire Marshall's Office per OFC, sections 2404.15 to 2404.16. **Contact the office of the S.F.M @ 614-752-8200.**
- Heaters either solid and liquid fuel, natural gas or L.P. gas to comply per Ohio Fire Code, sections 2404.15 to 2404.16. Tanks and "open flame" appliances to be outside and min. 20'+ from the tent, and are to be secured in place.
- Approved "No Smoking" signs shall be conspicuously posted.
- **Other Conditions:**