

Tent Permit Requirements Informational Handout



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This handout provides the minimum requirements needed for approval by the North Central Fire Protection District to erect a tent within the County of Fresno or the City of Kerman. Additional requirements may be necessary and will be indicated during the plan review process and/or field inspection of the tent permit. Other Departments within the County of Fresno or City of Kerman may have additional requirements. Please contact the other Departments for their requirements.

1. Tent permits are required when the tent (or aggregate of tents installed closely together) exceeds 400 square feet.
2. A scaled or dimensioned site plan shall accompany the tent permit application.
3. Tent locations shall be checked to ensure that adequate access to existing buildings and fire hydrants are maintained.
4. Tents shall not be located within 20 feet of lot lines or buildings.
5. All tents shall be flame resistant and the fabric shall be listed and approved by the State Fire Marshal.
6. Smoking is not permitted in any tent and "No Smoking" signs shall be conspicuously posted on all sides of the tents open to public.
7. Provide a minimum of one 2A:10B:C portable fire extinguisher in every tent. Provide an additional minimum 2A:10B:C portable fire extinguisher for each additional 2,000 square feet or fraction thereof. The maximum travel distance to

a portable fire extinguisher shall not exceed 75 feet. The portable fire extinguisher shall be mounted no higher than five feet above the ground.

8. Open flame or any device emitting flame or spark shall not be used in or immediately adjacent to any tent while open to the public.
9. Flammable and combustible liquids shall not be stored in tents and shall be stored a minimum of 50 feet away. This includes generators using flammable or combustible liquids.
10. Heaters shall not be permitted under tents and shall be kept a minimum of 20 feet away.
11. Tents used for cooking shall be separated from other tents by not less than 20 feet.
12. Outdoor cooking that produces sparks or grease-laden vapors shall not be performed within 20 feet of a tent.
13. Parking of vehicles necessary to the operation of the tent shall be parked a minimum of 20 feet from any tent. All other vehicles shall be parked a minimum of 100 feet away from any tent. Exception: vehicles parked on a public street shall park at least 20 feet from any tent.
14. Hay, straw, trash and other similar materials shall be stored more than 50 feet from any tent. Combustible waste shall not be permitted to accumulate on the grounds either inside or outside the tent.
15. Exits shall be provided per the California Fire Code, Chapter 31.
16. The tent permit is not approved until a field inspection has been conducted by the North Central Fire Protection District – Fire Prevention Division to determine compliance with all applicable codes and regulations.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please email at Fire.Prevention@NorthCentralFire.org