



BST&G Fire District Fire Prevention Bureau

2017 Ohio Fire Code Approval for Public Tents

Plan submittal requirements:

1. Submit (2) sets of construction drawings showing the size of each tent, the location of tents including the distance to property lines, adjacent buildings, structures, or other tents, and construction details of the tent structure(s)
 2. Plans shall also include electrical design, cooking equipment, information if applicable for tents that are intended to have interior lighting, cooking and dining activities.
- Approval required for tents and membrane structures having an area in excess of 400 square feet. (Ohio Fire Code section 3103.2 and 3103.4)
 - Use period for temporary tents or membrane structures shall not be erected for a period of more than 180 days within a 12 month period on a single premises. (Ohio Fire Code section 3103.5)
 - A copy of the flame resistant label must be submitted to the fire official. (Ohio Fire Code section 3104.3) **(DO NOT REMOVE TENT LABELS.)**
 - A drawing showing all aisles, exits, extinguisher placement, and general contents, must be submitted to the fire official. (Ohio Fire Code section 3103.6)
 - A minimum of (2) separate exits at least 36 inches in width must be maintained at all times. The travel distance from any point in the tent to an exit may not exceed 100 feet. If greater than 100 foot travel distance, additional exits will be necessary. (Ohio Fire Code section 3103.12.1)
 - All exits must be marked (on sided tents) with an exit sign. If the tent is to be occupied at night, the exit signs must be illuminated and emergency lighting with battery backup power. (Ohio Fire Code sections 3103.12.6.1 and 3103.12.7)
 - All aisles must maintain at least 44 inches in width. (Ohio Fire Code section 3103.12.5)
 - No open flames may be used inside tent or outside within 20 feet.(Ohio Fire Code section 3104.7)
 - The area surrounding the tent must be clear of all combustibles, flammables, and vegetation to a distance of 30 feet. (Ohio Fire Code section 3104.5 and 3104.21)
 - No items may be used or stored any closer than 3 feet from the envelope of the tent, if applicable. (Ohio Fire Code section 3104.11)
 - A minimum of 2 fire extinguishers with at least (two) 2- A: 10-B:C rating must be properly mounted in an accessible location. All extinguishers are required to be serviced and tagged annually.(Ohio Fire Code section 3104.12 and 906.2)
 - No smoking is permitted in or with in 20 feet of the tent at any time. (Post “**NO SMOKING**” signs inside and outside tent). (Ohio Fire Code section 3104.6)
 - Separation of generators shall be a minimum of 20 feet from tents or membrane structures and isolated from contact by fencing, enclosure or other approved mean. (Ohio Fire Code section 3104.19)

A PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED BY THE FIRE OFFICAL AFTER INSPECTION AND APPROVAL OF THE CONSTRUCTED TENT. NO OCCUPANCY PRIOR TO APPROVAL OR WITHOUT AN ISSUED PERMIT BY THE FIRE CODE OFFICIAL. (PERMIT FEE IS \$100.00) Make checks or money order (NO CASH) payable to BST&G Fire District.