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## DEPARTMENT OF FIRE, RESCUE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

### TENTS & CANOPIES

1. **All tents** having an area in excess of 200 square feet and all canopies in excess of 400 square feet require a Tent Permit Application to be filed with the Suffolk County Fire Marshals Office.
2. A **"Certificate of Flame Resistance"** shall be submitted for all components of the tent or canopy, with the application.
3. A **site plan** indicating the location of the tent on the property as well as the details of the means of egress, arrangement of seating and aisle's, location and type of heating equipment and the location and type of electrical equipment shall be submitted with the application.
4. **All tents and canopies** shall have a permanently affixed label bearing the identification of size and fabric or material type.
5. **Exits** shall be spaced at approximately equal intervals around the perimeter of the tent.
6. Guy wires, guy ropes and other support members shall not cross a means of egress at a height less than 8 feet.
7. The **number of exits** is based on the occupant load of the tent, but there is a minimum of 2 exits required.
8. **Exit openings** shall remain open unless covered by a flame-resistant curtain. This curtain shall be of a color that contrasts with the color of the tent.
9. **Aisles** shall have an unobstructed minimum width of 44 inches.
10. **Exit signs** shall be installed where the tent serves 50 people or more.
11. **Exit signs** shall be self-luminous or shall be internally or externally illuminated.
12. There shall be **no cooking or smoking** under the tent or canopy.
13. Open flame or other devices emitting flame, fire or heat or any flammable or combustible liquids, gas, charcoal or other cooking device or any other un-approved devices shall not be permitted inside or located within 20 feet of the tent or canopy.
14. **Warming of food** using sterno – The trays must be sitting on a non-combustible level surface. Paper and vinyl table covers are not permitted. These food stations must be a minimum of 10 feet from an exit.
15. **Portable fire extinguishers** shall be provided.
16. **LP gas** containers (500 gallons or less) shall have a minimum separation from the tent or canopy of not less than 10 feet. The tanks shall be securely fastened in place.
17. **Generators:**
  - a. Shall be separated from the tent or canopy by a minimum of 20 feet.
  - b. Shall be isolated from contact with the public by fencing, enclosure or other approved means.
  - c. Shall be properly grounded.