

Tent Permit Conditions

When is a Fire Permit required?

- When the tent is over 30 feet in any dimension
- When the tent is larger than 900 square feet AND When the tent is less than 140 feet in any one dimension
- When the tent is less than 16,800 square feet
- Whenever the above tent contains appurtenances (stage, wiring, cooking equipment, electrical wiring, bleachers, open flames, displays etc.
- See below when Uniform Construction Code Permits are required

Permit Fees

- Type I: \$42.00. Good for duration of tent erection

Permits from Construction Code Official

- Tents over 140 feet in any one dimension
- Tents larger than 16,800 square feet
- Tents containing mechanical or electrical equipment or bleachers over 11 feet high
- Tents constructed with permanent anchoring systems
- Tents erected for over 180 days
- Tents occupied between December 1 and March 31
- Construction Permits may be obtained through the Haddon Township Construction Official.

Tent Permit Conditions

Tent Construction and Material

- Must be made of flame-resistant materials or treated to achieve a flame-resistance rating promulgated under NFPA 701. Testing must be conducted by a listed and approved Fire Testing facility. Approvals from the California State Fire Marshal or New York City Fire Department alone are not sufficient approvals (Copy of flame spread testing must accompany permit application).
- Must be properly erected and anchored in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions (copy of set-up instructions must be submitted with tent permit application)

Duration of Tent Erection

- Tents may not remain erected for more than 179 days, as specified on the permit application.

Tent Safety

- Aislesways of a minimum 44 inches must be provided leading to exit(s).
- Not more than 13 chairs may be placed in any single row of seating.
- Lighted, internally illuminated EXIT signs must be posted next to or above each exit
- Sufficient Exits must be maintained for the intended occupancy
- Emergency lighting must be provided that will assure 60 minutes of lighting in the event of power failure.
- Main exit must be provided that will accommodate two-thirds of the occupants
- If side are used, they must clearly identify the EXIT area
- No OPEN FLAMES are permitted under the tent, and NO SMOKING is permitted.
- Electric lighting must conform to the National Electrical code, and not cause a trip or fall hazard, nor be routed in such a manner as to create a fire hazard.
- All lighting fixtures must be located NOT LESS THAN THREE FEET from the tent material.
- In the event of lightening, or high winds, the tent must be evacuated.

Announcements shall be made at the beginning of each use/program instructing occupants on Evacuation Procedures and location of exits.

■ What must be submitted to receive permit?

- Completed Fire Permit Application
- Include name, Addresses and telephone numbers for contact person responsible for tent erection and additional information that may be needed
- Dates that tent is planned on remaining up.
- Affidavit of Flame Resistance for Tent Material from listed testing agency
- Engineering Drawings depicting complete Anchoring and Set-up Instructions from Tent Manufacturer, with Wind resistance and lightening considerations.
- Site Diagram depicting the arrangement of seating, Exit Access aisles, Exits, Exit Signs, bleachers, stages and any electrical and/or mechanical equipment