

City of Johnson City TN “Tent Requirements for Outdoor Assembly Events”

Small Non-Cooking /Vendor Tents

- Separation is not required between non-cooking or vendor tents where the aggregate floor area does not exceed 15,000ft².
- Non-cooking/vendor tents must be anchored on all 4 corners as per **2018 IFC 3103.9.1** (Anchoring on asphalt/concrete or city owned green spaces with irrigation lines shall require anchoring with no less than 40 pounds of weight per corner as recommended by tent manufacturers.)
- Vendor tents that use open flame /heating devices for producing crafts/jewelry shall require a portable fire extinguisher. A 5 pound 2A/10BC fire extinguisher shall be required.**2018 IFC 3106.4.4 Portable Fire Extinguishers and Section906.**
- No smoking under tents. **2018 IFC 3107.3 Smoking.**
- Tents shall not obstruct fire hydrants or fire department connections. **2018 IFC 3106.2.3.1**

Tents Associated With Cooking Operations

- Tents associated with cooking operations must be anchored on all 4 corners as per **2018 IFC 3103.9.1** (Anchoring on asphalt/concrete or city owned green spaces with irrigation lines shall require anchoring with no less than 40 pounds of weight per corner as recommended by tent manufacturers.)
- Tents associated with cooking operations shall meet one of the 3 flame retardant treatments **NFPA 701**, the **California State Fire Marshal’s Seal of Approval** or **CPAI 84**. These listings shall be located on tags sewn into the tent corners by the tent manufacturer. Verification of the flame retardant treatment must be provided to Fire Prevention for approval prior to use.
- Tents associated with cooking operations require 20 ft. separation from other tents, mobile food units, buildings, automobiles, and combustibles. **2018 IFC 3103.8.2**
- No cooking operations that produce open flames and or grease laden vapors shall be allowed under tents. Tents associated with cooking operations equipment that produce open flames and or grease laden vapors shall be separated from the cooking vendor equipment by a minimum of 10 feet only if the tents meet the NFPA 701, California State Fire Marshal’s Seal of Approval or CPAI84 flame propagation tag requirements. **2018 IFC 3107.4** All other tents associated with cooking operations lacking proof of the required flame retardant treatment shall be separated by no less than 20 feet from cooking equipment that produce open flames and or grease laden vapors. **2018 IFC 3107.12.6**
- Fire extinguisher requirements for cooking operations that produce grease laden vapors, solid fuel cooking (wood or charcoal) shall require a Class K extinguisher. Generators shall require a 3A 40BC fire extinguisher .
- Propane tanks used for cooking operations shall be secured in an approved manner to prevent heat exposure and tip over and located as per **2018 IFC 3701.13**
- “No Smoking” signage shall be visible to patrons. **2018 IFC 3107.3**
- Tents shall not obstruct fire hydrants or fire department connections. **2018 IFC 3106.2.3.1**

Assembly Tents.

- Tents with an area of 400ft² or more shall require approval by the fire code official. **2018 IFC 3103.2**
- Assembly Tents shall meet one of the 3 flame propagations **NFPA 701**, the **California State Fire Marshal's Seal of Approval** or **CPAI 84**. These listings shall be located on tags sewn into the tent corners by the tent manufacturer.
- A portable fire extinguisher shall be required as per **2018 IFC 3106.4.4**.
- No open or exposed flame or cooking devices or any other unapproved devices for cooking operations will be allowed inside assembly tents while open to the public unless approved by the fire code official. **2019 IFC 3107.4**
- No smoking under tents. *"No Smoking" signage shall be visible to patrons. **2018 IFC 3107.3**
- Generators and combustion engines shall be separated from tents by not less than 20 feet. **2018 IFC 3107.16**

Section 3106.1 Outdoor Assembly Events

- **3106.2 General:** Temporary structures erected for outdoor assembly events shall comply with Chapter 3106.
- **3106.2.1 Approval Required:** Outdoor assembly events shall be approved by the fire code official.