

TAHOE DOUGLAS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



Department of Fire Prevention

General Requirements – Tents, Canopies and Membrane Structures

These are the base requirements, and are not all inclusive

- A permit is required for all tents and membrane structures in excess of 200 square feet and all canopies in excess of 400 square feet.
- Application must be accompanied by the following:
 - A detailed site plan showing emergency access and separation from lot lines, buildings, and other tents, canopies and membrane structures
 - A detailed floor plan showing means of egress, seating capacity and arrangement, and the type and location of heating and electrical equipment
 - A certificate executed by an approved testing laboratory certifying that the structure is comprised of materials meeting the flame propagation performance criteria of NFPA 701
- All tents, canopies, and membrane structures shall comply with IFC Chapter 24.
- A building permit may be required. Contact Douglas County Community Development at 775-782-6224.
- Smoking shall not be permitted in tents, canopies, or membrane structures. No Smoking signs shall be conspicuously posted.
- Cooking within a tent, canopy or membrane structure requires approval by the Fire District. When approved, such tents must be separated from other tents by 20' .
- Use of open flames is not allowed without prior approval by the Fire District.
- There shall be a minimum clearance of at least 3 feet between the fabric envelope and all contents located inside the tent or membrane structure.
- Generators or other internal combustion engines shall be separated from tents, canopies or membrane structures by a minimum of 20 feet and shall be isolated from contact with the public.
- The use of temporary flexible wiring shall comply with section 605 of the International Fire Code. All wiring shall be grounded. Approved power taps shall be plugged directly into a receptacle. Extension cords shall only be plugged into an approved receptacle or power tap and serve only one portable device. Extension cords may not be “chained” together.

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- Exits shall be clearly marked. Exit signs shall be illuminated; exit signs shall have either two sources of power or be an approved self-luminous type.
- The means of egress shall be illuminated. Egress illumination shall have two sources of power.
- Minimum aisle width shall be 44", this dimension may be larger based upon occupant load.
- Tents, canopies and membrane structures shall be separated from buildings, lot lines and other tents, canopies, membrane structures and parked vehicles (prescribed distance is based upon size and use of tent).
- No hay, straw, or shavings shall be located within the tent. Combustible trash shall be removed daily.
- Extinguishers with a minimum 2A10BC rating shall be provided in a manner such that the maximum travel distance is 75 feet.
- The use of decorative materials shall comply with Chapter 8 of the International Fire Code.