



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
FIRE DEPARTMENT  
FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION**

**TENT, CANOPY, AND TEMPORARY MEMBRANE STRUCTURE  
PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

Article 1, section 105 of the Los Angeles County Fire Code states... a permit shall be obtained from the Fire Prevention Division prior to engaging in the following: ... to erect or operate a tent or air-supported temporary membrane structure having an area in excess of 200 square feet (18.6m<sup>2</sup>) or a canopy in excess of 400 square feet (37.2m<sup>2</sup>), except for structures used exclusively for camping. See Article 32. Additional requirements may be applicable.

No automotive equipment or internal combustion engine shall be located within 30 feet (9144mm) of to tent.

A tent or air-supported structure shall be located not less than 20 feet (6096mm) from any property line or permanent structure. Tents in excess of 5000 square feet (464.5m<sup>2</sup>) require greater distances from property lines and structures.

Unless approved by the Fire Department, a passageway or fire road not less than 12 feet (3657.6mm) in width, free from guy ropes or other obstructions shall be maintained an all sides of all tents or air-supported structures.

Evidence of structural stability shall be provided to the Fire Department upon request.

Permittees will be required to indicate the dates of tent use. **PLOT PLAN SHALL BE SUBMITTED.**

The sidewalls, drops and tops of all tents and air-supported structures shall be of flame-retardant material or shall be made flame-retardant in a manner approved by the Fire Department. All bunting and other flammable decorations shall likewise be treated. **DOCUMENTATION WILL BE REQUIRED** prior to issuance of permit.

Occupant loads shall comply with Article 25. The owner or manager shall not permit the number of persons to exceed the determined capacity.

Smoking shall not be permitted in any tent or air-supported membrane structure unless in accordance with Section 3208.1. Approved "NO SMOKING" signs shall be conspicuously posted. It shall be the responsibility of the permittee to enforce the prohibition. No open flame or other device emitting flame or fire or creating a glow capable of igniting combustible materials shall be used in or adjacent to any tent, canopy or temporary membrane structure, unless approved by the chief.

One 2A10BC fire extinguisher shall be provided in every tent, canopy or membrane structure over 200 square feet (18.6m<sup>2</sup>). Two 2A10BC fire extinguishers shall be provided for every tent, canopy or membrane structure from 501 (46.5m<sup>2</sup>) to 1,000 (92.9m<sup>2</sup>) square feet. One additional 2A10BC fire extinguisher shall be provided for each additional 2,000 square feet (185.8m<sup>2</sup>) or fraction thereof. At least one 40BC fire extinguisher shall be provided for each kitchen, mess hall, power generator or transformer and at locations where flammable or combustible liquids are used, stored or dispensed.

Exiting shall comply with Section 3211. The required minimum clear width of exits, aisles and passageways shall be maintained at all times. Guywires, guyropes and other support members shall not cross a means of egress at a height of less than 8 feet (2438mm). The surface of exitways shall be maintained in a manner approved by the chief.

Exits shall be illuminated with lights having an intensity of not less than one foot-candle (10.76lx) at floor level while the building is occupied. Fixtures required for exit illumination shall be supplied from a separate circuit or sources of power when these are required for exit signs.

Exit signs shall be installed when the exit serves an occupant load of 50 or more. Additional signs may be required to clearly indicate the direction of egress. Exit signs serving an occupant load of more than 100 persons shall be of an approved self-luminous type or shall be internally or externally illuminated by fixtures supplied in the following manner: two separate circuits, one of which shall be separate from all other circuits, for occupant loads of 300 or less; or two separate sources of power, one of which shall be an approved emergency system, shall be provided when the occupant load exceeds 300. Emergency systems shall be supplied from storage batteries or on-site generator set, and the system shall be installed in accordance with the Electrical Code.

Heating and cooking equipment shall be in accordance with the Mechanical Code or approved by the chief. Heating and cooking equipment shall not be located within 10 feet (3048mm) of exits, aisles, passageways or combustible materials. Gas-, solid-, and liquid fuel burning cooking equipment shall not be located within 30 feet (9144m) of such structures.

Weeds and flammable vegetation shall be removed from the area occupied by the tent, canopy or temporary membrane structure and from areas adjacent to or within 30 feet (9144mm) of such structures. Hay, straw, trash and other flammable material shall be stored not less than 30 feet (9144mm) outside of tents, canopies and temporary membrane structures. The floor surface inside, and the grounds adjacent to or within 30 feet (9144mm) outside tents, canopies and membrane structures, shall be kept free and clear of combustible waste. Such waste shall be stored in approved containers until removed from the premises.

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