



WILMINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION



REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ERECTION OF A TENT

1. A permit **must be** obtained from the Wilmington Fire Marshal's Office. The cost of the permit is \$10; check made payable to the **City of Wilmington**.
2. Permit is good for thirty-days **only**.
3. Tents, canvas, curtains, cloth, rope and decorations shall be flamed-proofed. Certificate of Flame Resistance **must be** presented at time of application. Material shall not be older than three (3) years.
4. Fireworks or unauthorized open flames **shall not** be prohibited in tents.
5. Hay, straw, shavings or similar combustible materials **must be** treated with a flame retardant.
6. All lighting **shall be** electrical with proper safeguards. Cables on the ground shall be protected from the public as tripping hazards.
7. A **minimum** of two (2) exits is required. If over 500 people, each exit shall be a **minimum** of nine (9) feet wide. For each 500 or a fraction thereof, additional exits are required.
8. Aisles shall be a **minimum** of 44 inches wide. All aisles **shall be** clear of poles, ropes, and obstructions. There **shall be** 20 feet of clear space beyond the exit.
9. All exits **shall be** lighted and marked.
10. "**No Smoking**" signs shall be posted inside and at all entrances. "Butt-cans" shall be provided.
11. Flammable liquids **shall not** be stored within 25 feet of the tent.
12. All tents shall have a **five-pound** multipurpose portable ABC fire extinguisher. The extinguishers **shall be** inspected and tagged within the last year by an authorized Fire Equipment Company.
13. **Canopies** (covering that does not have sides) have **no** requirements per City Code.
14. **The Fire Marshal's Office shall conduct a final inspection prior to occupying the tent. Contact 576-3120.**



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Tent Permit Application

_____/_____/_____
 Month Day Year

Application is hereby made by the undersigned to **ERECT** a **TENT** in accordance with the Wilmington Fire Department.

 (Street where tent is to be erected)

The tent will be used for the following purpose:

Date and time tent will be erected: _____ Date tent will be taken down: _____

The following shall be submitted at the time of application:

- A sketch shall be submitted to include: size of tent, location of exits, fire extinguishers, aisles, tables, chairs, electrical wiring, propane tanks, propane heaters, ducts, no smoking signs, emergency lighting, distance to the nearest structure, and type of cooking equipment and other heating appliance(s).
- Certificate of Tent Flame Resistance.
- Number of people to occupy the tent (_____).
- American Gas Association Design Certificate for Propane Heaters.

THE TENT SHALL BE INSPECTED BY THE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE PRIOR TO OCCUPANCY

 Name of Applicant/Business

 Contact Person

 Address of Applicant/Business

 Telephone Number of Contact Person
 (Provide mobile number if applicable)

 Signature of Applicant

Tent Permit Fee: \$10.00 Per Event. Make check payable to the City of Wilmington.

Fire Marshal's Action

_____ Fee Paid

_____ Permit No.

This is to certify that I have received and examined this application and that it is in accordance with the provisions of the "Fire Prevention Code" of the City of Wilmington, Delaware.

_____ Approved

_____ Conditional Approval

_____ Date(s) Granted

Special Restrictions and Conditions _____

_____ Denied

Reasons for Denial _____

Fire Marshal

Dated

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION AND FEE TO:

FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE
800 FRENCH STREET, 3RD FLOOR
WILMINGTON, DE 19801
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