



Roseville Fire Department

Fire & Life Safety Division

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Fire & Life Safety Standard

Title: Special Events

Note: *This standard is a summary of Roseville Fire Department clarifications of City and State Codes. Information contained herein applies to typical circumstances and may not address all situations.*

PURPOSE

This standard was developed with safety as the principle objective, pursuant to the California Fire Code (CFC) Section: 104.1 General Authority and Responsibilities. The fire code official is authorized to render interpretations of the CFC, and to adopt policies, procedures, rules and regulations in order to clarify the application of its provisions. Such interpretations, policies, procedures, rules and regulations shall be in compliance with the intent and purpose of the CFC and shall not have the effect of waiving requirements specifically provided for in the CFC.

SCOPE

This standard shall apply to with fairs, carnivals, weddings, ceremonies, holiday retail, and similar events involving the use of food vendors and the use of tents designed for less than 10 people (small tents). Special events shall be designed and installed in accordance with the CFC and the applicable National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Tents

All tents, regardless of size, are regulated by the California Fire Code and California Code of Regulations Title 19 and the authority having jurisdiction. Small tents do not require special permitting; however, tents and canopies in excess of 400 square feet shall not be erected, operated or maintained for any purpose without first obtaining a permit and approval from the fire code official. The Fire & Life Safety Division may conduct an inspection to determine compliance with these requirements.

2. Location

Small tents shall not create an aggregate area greater than 700 square feet without a minimum 12 foot separation to adjacent tents or structures. Tents shall be secured or counter weighted as appropriate for conditions.

3. Labeling

Small tents may choose either Option 1 or Option 2:

Option 1:

The tent shall have either an attached label or have permanently printed on the fabric the California State Fire Marshal Seal of Registration. If the tent is treated fabric, this label/stamp must also provide the name and registration number of the applicator, the approved chemical used, and the date of treatment. If the tent is made of registered fabric, the label/stamp must also show the trade name and registration number of the approved fabric and the date of production.



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Option 2:

The tent shall have an attached label with the following verbiage:

WARNING

KEEP ALL FLAME AND HEAT SOURCES AWAY FROM THIS TENT FABRIC

This tent is made with flame resistant fabric which meets CPAI_84 specifications. It is not fireproof. The fabric will burn if left in continuous contact with any flame source.

The application of any foreign substance to the tent fabric may render the flame resistant properties ineffective.

4. **Fire Protection**

Any small tent where the use of combustible/flammable liquids is present or heated food is prepared must have a UL listed fire extinguisher with a rating of not less than 2A:10B:C. The extinguisher must have a current tag with the California State Fire Marshal label or with the sales receipt attached for visual inspection. Additionally, at least one class 10BC fire extinguisher shall be provided with each generator or transformer. Fire extinguishers shall be placed in an accessible location near the exit of the tent.

A K-rated fire extinguisher shall be provided for all cooking applications where there is a potential for fires involving combustible cooking media (vegetable or animal oils and fats) or that utilize solid fuel appliances.

5. **Hazards**

Any condition that presents a safety hazard, would contribute to the rapid spread of fire, interferes with the rapid exit of persons from the tents, or interferes with or delays the extinguishment of a fire, shall be immediately corrected as ordered by the fire code official.

6. **Fire Apparatus Access Roads**

All roadways shall remain clear and unobstructed for emergency equipment at all times. All fire lanes shall be a minimum of 20 feet wide unless authorized by the fire code official.

7. **Housekeeping**

The areas within and adjacent to the tent shall be maintained clear of all combustible materials and vegetation that could create a safety hazard. Cooking operations shall be neat and orderly. Combustible materials shall be kept clear of heated appliances and/or open flames.

8. **Compressed Gas Cylinders**

Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) fired devices shall be listed and approved. These labels must be accessible for inspection.

LPG containers shall be located outside of the tent or canopy and shall have the safety release valve pointed away from the tent or canopy.

Cylinders shall not to be used in series.

All cylinders shall be stored in an upright position and secured to prevent accidental tip over and unauthorized movement and damage by vehicles or other hazards.



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Cylinders not in use shall be capped and stored in a location approved by the fire code official.

All compressed gas cylinders in use shall be equipped with individual regulators with approved hose and appliances.

- a. All LPG cylinders shall be within the current hydrostatic test date, (no more than 12 years from date of manufacture, or no more than 5 years from last hydrostatic test).

9. **Flammable and Combustible Liquid Storage**

Flammable and combustible liquids shall be stored outside in an approved manner and not less than 50 feet from tents. Storage shall not exceed 10 gallons. Refueling shall be performed in an approved location and not less than 20 feet from tents.