



# EVESHAM TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

*Fire Prevention Division*

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## **NEW JERSEY UNIFORM FIRE CODE: TENTS/CANOPIES**

- The following are minimum guidelines for each tents, canopies and sir-supported membranes
- A site plan may be required by the Fire Official prior to event.
- This requirement fact sheet may not be all inclusive of the requirements of the NJUFC and/of NJUCC

### **WHEN PERMITS ARE REQUIRED:**

- N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.7(a); All vendors shall be required to apply for a Type 1XV fire safety permit issued by the Evesham Fire-Rescue Fire Prevention Division. All permits shall be made available to the fire official upon inspection.
  - All tents/canopies greater than 900 square feet with or without side panels will require a separate permit for each.
  - All tents/canopies greater than 30 feet in travel distance in any one direction will require a separate permit for each.
  - All tents/canopies that will remain in place for fewer than 180 days.
  - All tents/canopies that are used or occupied between April 1 and November 30.
  - All tents/canopies that do not have a permanent anchoring system or foundation.
  - All tents/canopies that contain platforms and bleachers up to 11 feet in height.
- N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.9(c) Type 1 \$54.00 Permit Fee is required; vendor shall provide a check or money order payable to the “Evesham Township Fire District No.1”. Permits will not be issued unless payment is made in full. No cash will be accepted.
- N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.7(f); The fire official upon inspection may deny or revoke a permit at any time; this can be due to failure to meet the permit conditions, unabated fire code violations or unsafe conditions.

### **PERMIT REQUIREMENTS:**

- N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 3103.6; Detailed site and floor plan required for tents with occupant load of 60 or greater.
- N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 3103.11; seating arrangements to be included as part of floor plan.
- N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 3103.8; Access for fire department vehicles must be maintained. This includes street and parking lot access. Tents are not permitted to be set up in designated fire lanes
- N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 3103.8.2; Tents shall not be located within 5 feet of lot lines, buildings other tents or membrane structures, parked vehicles or other combustion engines.
- N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 3103.9; Tents shall be adequately roped, braced and anchored to withstand the elements of weather and prevent against collapse.
- N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 3104.12; Fire extinguishers - at least one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating, or two portable fire extinguishers with a minimum 2-A rating each, shall be provided in/under all tents.
- N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 3104.2; Tents/canopies shall be constructed of fire retardant materials or be properly treated as per NFPA 701/1999. Proper documentation shall be provided by the vendor upon inspection.

- N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 3104.5; Combustible materials and excessive trash shall not be located within any tent or canopy (min. 20 feet clearance).
- N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 3104.6; Smoking is not permitted under tents. No Smoking signs are to be posted.
- N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 3104.7; Exposed flames: Gasoline, gas, charcoal or other cooking device or any other unapproved open flame shall not be permitted inside or located within 20 feet of the tent or canopy.
  - NO cooking under tents.
  - NO deep fryers shall be under tents.
  - NO cooking with grease laden vapors under tents.
  - Note: See Bulletin 2006-1 for further information and exceptions.
  - Grills shall be attended by a competent adult at all times and no children permitted near hot grills.
- N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 3103.12.6; Exit signs are required when the exit serves and occupant load of 50 or more.
- N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 3103.12.6.1; Exit signs shall be illuminated. For occupant loads of 300 or less when the tent is enclosed; or an approved emergency system, for occupant loads greater than 300.
- N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 3103.12.7; Means of egress shall be illuminated from a separate circuit or source of power. (Not less than 1 foot candle (11lux) at floor level)
- N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 3103.12.8; Means of egress, width of exits, aisles and passageways shall be maintained at all times.
- N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 603.4.2.1.1; Portable outdoor gas-fired heating appliance are prohibited under tents
- Interior finish, decorative materials and furnishings shall comply with Chapter 8.
- Occupant Load and Number of Exits shall be approved by Evesham Fire-Rescue Fire Prevention Division.

**NJ UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE TENT PERMIT REQUIRED:**

Tents larger than 16800 square feet in size, greater than 140 feet of travel distance in any one direction, bleachers or platforms higher than 11 feet, up for more than 180 days and used between December 1 and March 31 or having a permanent anchoring system or foundation.

**Further information for cooking under tents  
can be found in the Evesham Fire-Rescue Fact Sheet  
NEW JERSEY UNIFORM FIRE CODE:  
COOKING VENDOR GUIDELINES**

## Guidelines for determining permit requirements for tents, tensioned membrane structures, canopies, and outdoor combustible mazes.

|  | UFC<br>Permit<br>Required | UCC<br>Permit<br>Required | No<br>Permit<br>Required |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Tent, tensioned membrane structure, or canopy less 900 square feet in area or less <b>and</b> 30 feet or less in any dimension without platforms or bleachers  |                           |                           | <b>X</b>                 |
| Tent, tensioned membrane structure, or canopy greater than 900 square feet in area <b>and</b> more than 30 feet in any dimension, less than 16,800 square feet in area 140 feet or less in any dimension   | Type 1<br><b>X</b>        |                           |                          |
| Tent, tensioned membrane structure, or canopy greater than 900 square feet in area <b>and</b> more than 30 feet in any dimension, less than 16,800 square feet in area 140 feet or less in any dimension that contains platforms or bleachers 11 feet or less in height                    | Type 1<br><b>X</b>        |                           |                          |
| Tent, tensioned membrane structure, or canopy greater than 16,800 square feet and greater than 140 feet in any dimension   |                           | <b>X</b>                  |                          |
| Tent, tensioned membrane structure, or canopy of any size remaining in place for more than 180 days  |                           | <b>X</b>                  |                          |
| Tent, tensioned membrane structure, or canopy of any size used or occupied between December 1 and March 31   |                           | <b>X</b>                  |                          |
| Tent, tensioned membrane structure, or canopy of any size having a permanent anchoring system  |                           | <b>X</b>                  |                          |
| Tent, tensioned membrane structure, or canopy of any size containing platforms or bleachers greater than 11 feet in height   |                           | <b>X</b>                  |                          |
| Tent, tensioned membrane structure, or canopy greater than 900 square feet in area <b>and</b> more than 30 feet in any dimension, less than 16,800 square feet in area 140 feet or less in any dimension that installs any electrical equipment, electrical wiring or mechanical equipment | Type 1<br><b>X</b>        | <b>X</b>                  |                          |
| Outdoor combustible maze less than 6 feet in height and does not contain electrical equipment  | Type 1<br><b>X</b>        |                           |                          |
| Outdoor combustible maze 6 feet or greater in height or outdoor combustible maze of any size containing electrical equipment   |                           | <b>X</b>                  |                          |

**Canopy:** A structure, enclosure, or shelter constructed of fabric or pliable materials supported by any manner, except by air or the contents it protects, and is open without sidewalls or drops on 75 percent or more of the perimeter.

**Tent:** A structure, enclosure, or shelter constructed of fabric or pliable material supported by any manner, except by air or the contents it protects.

**Outdoor Combustible Maze:** An attraction that lacks a roof and is designed to disorient patrons, reduce vision, present barriers, or otherwise impede the flow of traffic and does not consist solely of living rooted plants such as corn stalks or trees, but includes mazes created from plants that have been cut and attached to an object to support them.

- (A) Mazes consisting solely of living , rooted plants, such as corn stalks or trees, may be repaired using cut, replacement plants that are otherwise the same as those of which the maze is created without the need for a permit.
- (B) No permit shall be required for mazes up to 42 inches in height created of bales of hay or straw.