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## **Requirements for Tents, Canopies or Other Temporary Membrane Structures**

**Listed below are the basic information requirements to complete a Stanislaus County Fire Prevention Bureau plan review.**

**Not all items may pertain to your project.**

- 1. The permit application shall be received by the Stanislaus County Fire Prevention Bureau at least seven calendar days prior to the expected erection of the structure including a site diagram, to scale or fully dimensioned, to include the site address and the application fee.
- 2. The tent **shall not** be erected until the application has been approved.
- 3. A twenty (20) foot fire access roadway must be maintained around the tent. This roadway must be outside of the support wires (ropes) and guy wires to the tent.
- 4. All vehicle parking and other internal combustion engines must be at least twenty (20) feet from the tent.
- 5. All property lines, buildings, other tents, canopies or temporary membrane structures must be at least twenty (20) feet from the tent support wires (ropes) and guide wires.
- 6. An approved twenty (20) foot fire lane must be provided around the venue. This fire lane must connect with the fire lane required around the tent. Provide a proposed fire lane layout to the fire department for approval **prior** to setup.
- 7. All exits to the tent must remain open when any members of the public are inside the tent.
- 8. Illuminated exit signs are required at each exit while the tent is occupied. These exit signs must be powered by two (2) separate sources of power.
- 9. Provide a diagram indicating the proposed occupant load for each seating section in the tent. Identify those areas with fixed seating (i.e. benches) and those areas with portable seating (i.e. chairs).
- 10. Fire extinguishers of a 2A:10BC rating shall be provided every seventy-five (75) feet of travel distance.
- 11. Heating and cooking equipment shall not be located within ten (10) feet of exits, aisles, or passageways or combustible materials.
- 12. All weeds and vegetation shall be removed from under the tent and within thirty (30) feet from the outside of the tent.
- 13. Hay, straw, trash and other flammable material cannot be stored closer than thirty (30) feet from the outside of the tent.
- 14. All other provisions of the 2010 California Fire Code will apply to the project.
- 15. A representative from the company or person erecting the tent **must** be present at the time of inspection.
- 16. Tent must be Fire Marshal approved and listed by California State.