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Carnival Inspection Checklist

1. Approval by the fire code official (Fire Prevention Bureau) is required to conduct a carnival or fair. (2016 CFC 105.6.5) Prior to the issuance of an event license by the tax collector and the commencement of operations, a safety inspection will be conducted by the Fire Prevention Bureau. In order to expedite the safety inspection and issuance of event license, include a detailed site plan with the initial application to the tax collector which indicates parking areas, locations of attractions, booths, restrooms, generators, exits, fire extinguishers, known hydrants, and fire department access.
2. Fire Department access shall be maintained at all times. An access road 20 feet in width, with a minimum vertical clearance of 13'6", shall be maintained and clear of parked vehicles, structures and structure supports, and any other obstructions. Fire department access to hydrants shall not be obstructed or impeded by vehicles or other obstructions. (2016 CFC 503.2.1, 507.5.4)
3. Fire extinguishers of a minimum 2A:10B:C rating shall be placed on site as necessary, with a maximum travel distance not to exceed 75 feet (at least one at each attraction or ride is recommended. (NFPA 1)) K rated, dry chemical extinguishers must be provided where deep fat fryers are used (within 30 feet of travel, one separate extinguisher per vendor/booth). All fire extinguishers must bear a current (within one year of the event date(s)) State Fire Marshal service tag and the gauge must indicate a proper charge. (2016 CFC 906.3, 906.4)
4. Automatic fire extinguishing systems installed for the protection of commercial cooking equipment must have a current service tag verifying that service has been performed within the six months of the event date(s). (2016 CFC 904.5, 904.6)
5. Drapes, hanging curtains, drops, tents, and canopies shall be fire retardant and shall either be documented as such or bear a label as required by the state fire code. (California Title 19, Section 1, 3.08)
6. Tents in excess of 400 square feet, and canopies in excess of 700 square feet, must meet the requirements of the California Fire Code, Chapter 31.
7. Electrical wiring must be in good condition and in accordance with the electrical code. Cords must be secured to prevent a tripping hazard. Large diameter cords should have a cord bridge or ramp to facilitate the passage of wheel chairs, strollers, and other wheeled equipment. (2016 CFC 605)
8. "No Smoking" signs shall be posted as necessary (such as in areas where flammable or combustible materials are stored or handled: including hay, straw, or sawdust; and in tents, canopies, and membrane structures.) (2016 CFC 310.2, 3104.6)
9. A separate Entertainment Permit is required. Contact 209-525-6388.
10. A Business license is required. Contact 209-525-6388.
11. Weeds and other combustible materials shall be in compliance with Carnival/Circus/Fair guidelines.