



# ADAMS COUNTY FIRE RESCUE

## FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

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### TENTS AND CANOPY PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

**Fee: \$100.00**

THIS PERMIT ISSUED TO: \_\_\_\_\_

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**REQUIREMENTS** Tents in excess of 200 square feet and/or Canopies in excess of 400 Square feet

**A site plan shall be provided to show distances from all obstacles on site in relation to the tent**

1. Certificates of flame resistance needed (available upon request.)
2. Tent location can be no closer than 20 feet to any property line, structure, other tents and canopies, parked vehicles, or internal combustion engines.
3. For the purpose of determining twenty-foot setbacks, support ropes and guywires shall be considered part of the tent or canopy. Please note, all tents and canopies not in excess of 15,000 square feet and not used for cooking are exempt from the requirement for separation between tents and/or canopies.
4. Aisle widths around the interior of tents need to be established and maintained, **44 inch minimum.**
5. All tent openings are required to be of a contrasting color to the rest of the tent. If flaps are in the down position they must not be tied or hooked in any way, and must not obstruct or reduce the exit in any way.
6. All interior floors of tents and canopies must be kept clear of accumulation of waste materials.
7. Hay, straw or similar combustible materials cannot be stored inside or within thirty feet of any tent used for cooking or public assembly (50 or more people).
8. Exit lights and illuminated exit signs will be required at all exit door ways and as necessary to clearly indicate path of egress.
9. Portable fire extinguishers are needed inside of all tents and canopies. 75-foot spacing is required.
10. Guy wires, guy ropes and other support members shall not cross a means of egress at a height of less than eight (8) feet.
11. Smoking shall not be in tents or canopies, or adjacent to areas where hay, straw, sawdust or other combustible materials are used or stored. "NO SMOKING" signs shall be posted in conspicuous locations.
12. All cooking and heating appliances, piping, hoses, tanks, fittings, valves, tubing and other related components shall be in accordance with the International Fuel Code and International Mechanical Code.
13. Cooking and heating equipment shall not be within ten feet of exits or combustible materials.
14. Portable LP- gas cylinders 500 gallon or less in capacity shall have a minimum separation between the cylinder and structure of no less than 10 feet.
15. Portable LP- gas cylinders 500 gallons or greater in capacity shall have a minimum separation between the cylinder and structure of no less than 25 feet.
16. Safety release devices shall be pointed away from the tent, canopy, or other membrane structures.
17. Tents where cooking is done must be a minimum of 20 feet from other tents and canopies.
18. Cooking outside where sparks or grease-laden vapors are emitted must be a minimum of 20 feet from tents and canopies.
19. Adequate approved protection (concrete barriers etc.) is required to prevent damage by vehicles, tampering or other hazards.
20. Re-fueling shall be performed in an approved location not less than 20 feet from tents, canopies, or other membrane structures.
21. Maintain 24-foot fire access between tent guy wire/supports around the tent, canopy, or other membrane structure.
22. Per the IFC 2018 3103.5 temporary tents, air supported, air-inflated or tensioned membrane structures shall not be erected for a period of more than 180 days within a 12-month period on a single premise.

By signing this permit the applicant assures the District that all provisions of this permit and International Fire Code shall be adhered to. Failure to comply with any of the conditions or limitations set forth in the permit shall be grounds for this permit to be immediately revoked, immediate discontinuance of use of tents and/or canopies, and appropriate legal action taken.

**Date Valid:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Expires:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Applicant Signature**

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**Designated Fire District Representative / Title**