



# Artesia Fire Department

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Application for

Canopy

Tent

Event Permit

Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_

**A SITE PLAN IS REQUIRED SHOWING WHERE THE TENT/EVENT WILL BE SET UP AND ALSO THE DIMENSIONS OF THE TENT**

**IF YOU ARE LEASING YOUR BUSINESS SPACE, WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM YOUR LANDLORD IS REQUIRED.**

**TENTS OR CANOPIES IN EXCESS OF 400 SQUARE FEET SHALL REQUIRE A PERMIT AND AN INSPECTION BY A FIRE OFFICIAL.**

APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

REASON FOR TENT/EVENT/CANOPY \_\_\_\_\_

DATES: FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

HOURS OF OPERATION \_\_\_\_\_

WILL FOOD BE COOKED OR SERVED? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

WILL THERE BE ELECTRICITY REQUIRED? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

*(Exterior grade extension cords are required for any use outside)*

SIGNATURE OF OWNER/AGENT \_\_\_\_\_

**Permit Granted**

Date Permit Issued \_\_\_\_\_ Issued By \_\_\_\_\_

**Permit Denied**

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

# Canopy / Tent Requirements

## Provide the following information to the Fire Department before a permit can be issued:

- A site plan drawn to scale showing the location and size of the canopy / tent in regards to the building and other canopies / tents. The tent shall not obstruct any accessible parking spaces, fire lanes, fire hydrants or fire department connections.
- A flame resistant certificate per NFPA 701 or ASTM E 84 by an acceptable testing laboratory.
- A note on the submitted plans stating, “No smoking, no fireworks, no open flames or devices emitting open flame or fire will be used in the canopy / tent.”
- A note on the submitted plans stating “a 4A 60BC fire extinguisher (or equivalent) will be provided and mounted no higher than 48” above finished floor to the handle.”
- Number (#) of canopies / tents and their sizes.
- If you are using a tent with the side down, defined exits shall be required to be shown on the plans based on the number of attendants.
- Occupant load signs will be printed by the Fire Department and placed at the tent entrances / exits.

## Below are the Code sections from the 2009 International Fire Code for reference only.

**2403.8.1 Access.** Fire apparatus access roads shall be provided in accordance with Section 503.

**2403.8.2 Location.** Tents, canopies or membrane structures shall not be located within 20 feet (6096 mm) of lot lines, buildings, other tents, canopies or membrane structures, parked vehicles or internal combustion engines. For the purpose of determining required distances, support ropes and guy wires shall be considered as part of the temporary membrane structure, tent or canopy.

2. Membrane structures, tents or canopies need not be separated from buildings when all of the following conditions are met:

2.1. The aggregate floor area of the membrane structure, tent or canopy shall not exceed 10,000 square feet (929 m<sup>2</sup>).

2.2. The aggregate floor area of the building and membrane structure, tent or canopy shall not exceed the allowable floor area including increases as indicated in the *International Building Code*.

2.3. Required means of egress provisions are provided for both the building and the membrane structure, tent or canopy, including travel distances.

2.4. Fire apparatus access roads are provided in accordance with Section 503.

**2403.9 Anchorage required.** Tents, canopies or membrane structures and their appurtenances shall be adequately roped, braced and anchored to withstand the elements of weather and prevent against collapsing. Documentation of structural stability shall be furnished to the fire code official on request.

**2403.12.5 Aisle.** The width of aisles without fixed seating shall be in accordance with the following:

1. In areas serving employees only, the minimum aisle width shall be 24 inches (610 mm) but not less than the width required by the number of employees served.

2. In public areas, smooth-surfaced, unobstructed aisles having a minimum width of not less than 44 inches (1118 mm) shall be provided from seating areas, and aisles shall be progressively increased in width to provide, at all points, not less than 1 foot (305 mm) of aisle width for each 50 persons served by such aisle at that point.

**2403.12.6 Exit signs.** Exits shall be clearly marked. Exit signs shall be installed at required exit doorways and where otherwise necessary to indicate clearly the direction of egress when the exit serves an occupant load of 50 or more.

**2403.12.6.1 Exit sign illumination.** Exit signs shall be of an approved self-luminous type or shall be internally or externally illuminated by luminaires supplied in the following manner:

1. Two separate circuits, one of which shall be separate from all other circuits, for occupant loads of 300 or less; or

2. Two separate sources of power, one of which shall be an approved emergency system, shall be provided when the occupant load exceeds 300. Emergency systems shall be supplied from storage batteries or from the on-site generator set, and the system shall be installed in accordance with the ICC *Electrical Code*.

**2404.3 Label.** Membrane structures, tents or canopies shall have a permanently affixed label bearing the identification of size and fabric or material type.

**2404.4 Certification.** An affidavit or affirmation shall be submitted to the fire code official and a copy retained on the premises on which the tent or air-supported structure is located. The affidavit shall attest to the following information relative to the flame propagation performance criteria of the fabric:

1. Names and address of the owners of the tent, canopy or air-supported structure.
2. Date the fabric was last treated with flame-retardant solution.
3. Trade name or kind of chemical used in treatment.
4. Name of person or firm treating the material.
5. Name of testing agency and test standard by which the fabric was tested.

**2404.6 Smoking.** Smoking shall not be permitted in tents, canopies or membrane structures. Approved “No Smoking” signs shall be conspicuously posted in accordance with Section 310.

**2404.7 Open or exposed flame.** Open flame or other devices emitting flame, fire or heat or any flammable or combustible liquids, gas, charcoal or other cooking device or any other unapproved devices shall not be permitted inside or located within 20 feet (6096 mm) of the tent, canopy or membrane structures while open to the public unless approved by the fire code official.

**2404.11 Clearance.** There shall be a minimum clearance of at least 3 feet (914 mm) between the fabric envelope and all contents located inside the tent or membrane structure.

**2404.12 Portable fire extinguishers.** Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided as required by Section 906.

**2404.15.6 Outdoor cooking.** Outdoor cooking that produces sparks or grease-laden vapors shall not be performed within 20 feet (6096 mm) of a tent, canopy or membrane structure unless approved by the Fire Code Official.