



# NORTH PORT FIRE RESCUE

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To: Special Event Vendors

Subject: Fire and Life Safety Requirements

We are providing you with a partial checklist that will assist you in expediting your Special Event Permit. Some of the items may or may not apply to your specific permit; however, this will assist you in compiling the proper documents and meeting conditions necessary for your license compliance inspection. It is also recommended that you create a folder containing the items necessary to help inspectors facilitate with Fire and Life Safety Requirements. Please be advised this is not a complete list as other items may be required for your specific permit.

***At a minimum, the following conditions shall be provided for the use of a tent(s):***

Tents 120ft<sup>2</sup> or greater shall provide appropriate tent fabric flame propagation certification as contained in NFPA 701 – Standard Methods of Fire Tests for Flame Propagation of Textiles and Films (101:11.11.2) and be permitted under the Special Event Permitting Process.

- Tents shall not cover more than 75% of the premises (101:11.11.1.3).
- A minimum of 10 ft. between stake lines (101:11.11.3).
- No guy wire or guy rope shall cross any means of egress at a height of less than 7 ft (2.1m). (1:25.1.3.2)
- Adequate number of exits (1:14.8; 1:14.9).
- Storage or handling of flammable liquids or gases shall not be located in the Means of Egress (1:25.1.4.2).
- Appropriate "No smoking" signage (101:11.11.4.2).
- No open flame under or adjacent to tents or canopies.
- Approved types of fire extinguishers and signage (101:11.11.5).
- Electrical appliances, fixtures, equipment, or wiring installed, maintained, and operated in a safe and professional manner (1:25.1.9/ 1:9.1.2).
- Generators or other internal combustion power sources separated by a minimum of 20' from the tent or temporary structure (1:25.1.12.2).
- Generators should be protected by fencing, enclosure, or other means approved by the Local AHJ (1:25.1.12.2).



***Food truck vendors shall provide at a minimum the following but are not all inclusive:***

- Cooking equipment used in fixed, mobile, or temporary concessions, such as trucks, buses, trailers, pavilions, tents, or any form of roofed enclosure, shall comply with NFPA 96 -Standard for Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations. (1:50.1.3; 96:1.1.3)
- Clearance of at least 10 ft. away from buildings, structures, vehicles, and any combustible materials. (1:50.8.2.1; 96:17.2.1)
- Mobile or temporary cooking operations shall not block fire department access roads, fire lanes, fire hydrants, or other fire protection devices and equipment. (1:50.8.1.4)
- Appropriate Class K and at minimum one (1) 2A:10BC portable fire extinguisher installed, maintained, and tagged in kitchen cooking areas in accordance with NFPA 10 - Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers. (96.10.9.1-5)
- All interior surfaces of the hood exhaust system shall be accessible for cleaning and inspection purposes (1:50.2.1.7; 96:4.1.8).
- Certificates of inspection and cleaning maintenance of the fire-extinguishing systems and listed exhaust hoods shall be made by properly trained, qualified, and certified person(s) acceptable to the AHJ at least every 6 months. (1:50.5.6.2.1; 96:12.2.1). Documentation and/or appropriate tags to be available for inspection upon request (1:50.5.6.1.4.2; 96:12.1.4.2).
- Portable generators shall be positioned so that the exhaust is directed as follows (1:50.8.5.4.3):
  - (1) At least 12 ft (4 m) in any direction away from any openings or air intakes and means of egress
  - (2) Away from any building
  - (3) Away from any mobile or temporary cooking vehicle or operation
- Portable generators or internal combustion power sources shall be isolated from contact with the public by either physical guards, fencing, or an enclosure (1:50.8.5.4.2).
- Refueling shall be conducted only when not in use. (1:50.8.8.3).

***Bounce houses and other similar structures shall meet manufacturers' specifications and the following:***

- Be securely anchored on level ground.
- Electrical wiring and blowers shall be placed to prevent any potential for a tripping hazard.
- Generators shall be protected by fencing, enclosure, or other means approved by the Local AHJ.