



# *Borough of Franklin Lakes*



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## **NJ UNIFORM FIRE CODE: TENTS/CANOPIES GUIDELINES**

**N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.7(a)3;** All vendors with tents/canopies meeting the below, shall be required to apply for a Type 1 fire safety permit for each vendor for every event through the Franklin Lakes Fire Prevention Bureau.

- All tents/canopies greater than 900 square feet with or without side panels will require a separate permit for each. (up to 16800 square feet)
- All tents/canopies greater than 30 feet in any dimension will require a separate permit for each. (up to 140 feet)
- All tents/canopies that will remain in place for fewer than 180 days.
- All tents/canopies that are used or occupied between April 1 and November 30.
- All tents/canopies that do not have a permanent anchoring system or foundation.
- All tents/canopies that contain platforms and bleachers up to 11 feet in height.

**N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.9(c)1; Type 1 Permit Fee \$54.00 - NO CASH** will be required. Permits will not be issued unless payment is made in full. This is an application processing fee and is not refundable. An additional permit and associated fee will be required when cooking, heating, combustible/flammable liquids, or open flame is present.

**N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.7(f);** The fire official upon inspection may deny or revoke a permit at any time; this can be due to failure to meet the permit conditions, unabated fire code violations, unsafe conditions, or if there has been any false statement or misrepresentation as to the material fact in the application, data or plans, which the permit or approval was based.

**N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 3103.6;** A detailed site and floor plan for tents or membrane structures with an occupant load of 50 or more shall be provided with each application. The floor plan shall indicate details of the means of egress, seating arrangement, occupancy load, and location and type of heating and electrical equipment.

**N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 3104.12;** Fire extinguishers shall be provided in/under all tents as required by section 906 and NFPA 10 with a maximum distance of travel to extinguisher being 75'. Fire extinguishers shall have a valid dated inspection tag, good for one year.

**N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 3104.2;** Tents/canopies, membrane structures, sidewalls, floor coverings, bunting and combustible decorative materials/effects shall be constructed of fire retardant materials or be properly treated as per NFPA 701. Proper documentation shall be provided by the vendor.

**N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 3104.5;** Combustible materials and excessive trash shall not be located within any tent or canopy (min. 20 feet clearance).

**N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 3104.7;** Exposed flames: Gasoline, gas, charcoal or other cooking device or any other unapproved open flame shall not be permitted inside or located within 20 feet of the tent or canopy.

- NO cooking under tents.
- NO deep fryers shall be under tents.
- NO cooking with grease laden vapors under tents.

**N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 3103.12.6;** Exit signs are required when the exit serves an occupant load of 50 or more.

**N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 3103.12.6.1;** Exit signs shall be illuminated. 1. For occupant loads of 300 or less; or 2. An approved emergency system with two separate power sources, for occupant loads greater than 300.

**N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 3103.12.7;** Means of egress shall be illuminated from a separate circuit or source of power. (Not less than 1 foot candle (11lux) at floor level)

**N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 3103.12.8;** Means of egress, width of exits, aisles and passageways shall be maintained at all times.

**NJ UCC TENT PERMIT REQUIRED:**

Larger than 16,800 square feet in size, greater than 140 feet in any dimension, bleachers or platforms higher than 11 feet, up for more than 180 days and used between December 1 and March 31 or having a permanent anchoring system or foundation.

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Franklin Lakes Bureau of Fire Prevention.