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The following Tent Permit Site Plan Submittal Checklist is required information for a tent permit review. Use of the form does not guarantee that plans will be accepted on the first submittal, but will aid in reducing the number of re- submittals required due to the lack of information or conflicting information being provided. **This checklist should not be considered to be all-inclusive. Additional information may be required. Requirements are based on NFPA 101 the Life Safety Code, as adopted and enforced by the State of Georgia Fire Marshals Office.**

For issuance of the tent permit and prior to any installation and inspection request, the following items shall be completed, submitted and/or approved.

- Tent permit application - for all single tents larger than 900 sq. ft. or multiple smaller tents not separated by 10 ft. or more that cover a ground area of more than 900 sq. ft. or greater that are utilized for a special event, vending or other commercial use. (General rule of thumb is for any tent larger than 30 ft. X 30 ft. to be permitted.)
- 1 digital set of site plans (must show entire property with location of tent and all other manmade or natural structures, barriers and roads). Parking shall not obstruct traffic flow or fire hydrants in the area. Roads must have an unobstructed width of 20 ft. Clearance to fire hydrants must be maintained at 7 ½ ft. to front and sides, and 4 ft. to the rear. NFPA 1 provided to bcfdplans@barrowga.org
- If applicant is not the property owner of location where the tent is to be placed, proof of permission from the owner or owner's representative to locate the tent on the property must be provided.
- Payment of permit fees. Any material installed or work performed prior to the issuance of a permit will be subject to two times the permit fee and/or required to be removed. A hard copy of the permit and the approved site plans are required to be maintained on the tent site at all times and must be on site prior to any work being performed unless a limited early start request has been granted. Limited early start requests are considered on a case-by-case basis, are required to be submitted in writing on letterhead and are not automatically granted. 3.3.260 Tent. A temporary structure, the covering of which is made of pliable material that achieves its support by mechanical means such as beams, columns, poles, or arches, or by rope or cables, or both. (Temporary is a structure intended to remain in place for a period of not more than 180 days in any consecutive 12-month period.)

11.11.1 General.

- 11.11.1.2 Tents shall be permitted only on a temporary basis.

11.11.1.3 Tents shall be erected to cover not more than 75 percent of the premises, unless otherwise approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

11.11.2 Flame Propagation Performance.

11.11.2.1 All tent fabric shall meet the flame propagation performance criteria contained in NFPA 701, Standard Methods of Fire Tests for Flame Propagation of Textiles and Films.

11.11.2.2 One of the following shall serve as evidence that the tent fabric materials have the required flame propagation performance:

(1) The authority having jurisdiction shall require a certificate or other evidence of acceptance by an organization acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.

(2) The authority having jurisdiction shall require a report of tests made by other inspection authorities or organizations acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.

11.11.2.3 Where required by the authority having jurisdiction, confirmatory field tests shall be conducted using test specimens from the original material, which shall have been affixed at the time of manufacture to the exterior of the tent.

11.11.3 Location and Spacing.

11.11.3.1 There shall be a minimum of 10 ft. between stake lines.

11.11.3.2 Adjacent tents shall be spaced to provide an area to be used as a means of emergency egress. Where 10 ft. between stake lines does not meet the requirements for means of egress, the distance necessary for means of egress shall govern.

11.11.3.3 Tents not occupied by the public and not used for the storage of combustible material shall be permitted to be erected less than 10 ft. from other structures where the authority having jurisdiction deems such close spacing to be safe from hazard to the public.

11.11.3.4 Tents, each not exceeding 1200 ft² in finished ground level area and located within fairgrounds similar open spaces, shall not be required to be separated from each other, provided that safety precautions meet the approval of the authority having jurisdiction.

11.11.3.5 The placement of tents relative to other structures shall be at the discretion of the authority having jurisdiction, with consideration given to occupancy, use, opening, exposure, and other similar factors.

11.11.4 Fire Hazards.

11.11.4.1 The finished ground level enclosed by any tent, and the finished ground level for a reasonable distance, but not less than 10 ft. outside of such a tent, shall be cleared of all flammable or combustible material or vegetation that is not used for necessary support equipment. The clearing work shall be accomplished to the satisfaction of the authority having jurisdiction prior to the erection of such a tent. The premises shall be kept free from such flammable or combustible materials during the period for which the premises are used by the public.

11.11.4.2 Smoking.

11.11.4.2.1 Smoking shall not be permitted in any tent, unless approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

11.11.4.2.2 In rooms or areas where smoking is prohibited, plainly visible signs shall be posted

that read as follows: NO SMOKING

11.11.5 Fire-Extinguishing Equipment. Portable fire-extinguishing equipment of approved types shall be furnished and maintained in tents in such quantity and in such locations as directed by the authority having jurisdiction.

11.11.6.1 Fired Heaters

11.11.6.1.1 Only labeled heating devices shall be used.

11.11.6.1.2 Fuel-fired heaters and their installation shall be approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

11.11.6.1.3 Containers for liquefied petroleum gases shall be installed not less than 60 in. from any tent and shall be in accordance with the provisions of NFPA 58, Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code.

11.11.6.1.4 Tanks shall be secured in the upright position and protected from vehicular traffic.

11.11.6.2 Electric Heaters

11.11.6.2.1 Only labeled heaters shall be permitted.

11.11.6.2.2 Heaters used inside tents shall be approved.

11.11.6.2.1 Heaters shall be connected to electricity by electric cable that is suitable for outside use and is of sufficient size to handle the electrical load.