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• STANDARD 5 • TENTS MEMBRANES AND CANOPIES

SCOPE:

This standard shall apply to individual tents, temporary structures or membrane structures exceeding 200 square feet and/or canopies exceeding 400 square feet in size used as booths for carnivals, street fairs and flea markets.

Permits, approvals and inspections shall be in accordance with the California Code of Regulations-Title 19 (Chapter 2), 2010 California Fire Code (Section 906 & Chapter 24), 2010 California Building Code (Chapter 31E), California Health & Safety Code (Division 104, Part 7, Chapter 4), Cal Fire/San Luis Obispo County Fire Department, and the San Luis Obispo County Health Department.

BOOTHS:

- Sidewalls, drops, and tops of all such structures shall be made of a flame-resistant material or treated with a flame retardant approved by the California State Fire Marshal.
- The California State Fire Marshal's seal shall be permanently affixed to the structure or a label showing the name, type and applicant of flame retardant materials.
- A 10-foot wide separation shall be provided for every 200 lineal feet of vendor booths.
- A fire access of 20 feet between rows of booths shall be maintained at all times.
- Sale or display items shall not be allowed within the fire access.
- Booths shall be used for not more than 180 days in a 12 month period.
- Booths or rows of booths shall be located more than 20 feet from property lines, buildings, parking areas or internal combustible engines.
- Booths shall have at least one exit.
- All structures shall be adequately braced and anchored to prevent collapse.

PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:

- Portable fire extinguishers shall be installed throughout the premises, (display areas), so as to not exceed 75 feet of travel.
- Portable fire extinguishers shall be a minimum rating of 2A:10B:C.
- Booths with cooking facilities inside or adjacent to them shall have a fire extinguisher rating of a minimum 3A:40B:C.
- Permanent businesses shall have a portable fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A: 10B:C.

IGNITION SOURCES:

- Smoking, fireworks, open flame or hot objects capable of ignited combustible materials shall not be allowed inside the booths.

- 'No Smoking' signs shall be posted.
- Cooking and BBQs shall be a minimum of 10 feet from any booth and shall be protected from access by the public.

ELECTRICAL & GENERATORS:

- Extension cords shall be of a grounded type and listed for exterior use.
- Extension cords shall be unplugged after each daily use.
- Extension cords shall not be used in lieu of hardwiring.
- Generators shall be a minimum of 20 feet from all structures and protected from public access.

COMPRESSED GAS TANKS:

- LPG and other compressed gas tanks shall be secured in an upright position.
- All tanks shall be protected from public access.
- Empty tanks shall be removed on a daily basis.

COOKING AREA LAYOUT:

- A minimum of 2-foot side clear space shall be provided between the cooking space area and the back of the tent.
- A minimum of 18-inch wide clear space shall be provided between the cooking space and the side and rear of the cooking area.
- Cooking & barbecues shall be a minimum of 10 feet from any booth and shall be protected from access by the public.

USE OF LIQUID PETROLEUM GAS:

- Vendors may use Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) in booths as defined above, when the booth is separated from other booths, tents & canopies by at least twenty feet and approved by the SLO County Health Department.
- LPG cylinders shall be located outside tents and canopies.
- Vendors using LPG or liquid fueled appliances in a tent or canopy will not be allowed to participate in the event. Wood booths would be required.

BARBECUES:

- Trailer barbecues shall not be located within 10 feet of combustible walls, roofs, or other combustible material.
- Charcoal and LPG gas barbecues may be located in the cooking space, but in other use locations shall not be located within 10 feet of combustible walls, roofs or other combustible material.
- Small barbecues and hibachis may be placed on tables in the cooking space if a thermal barrier is provided between the barbecue and table. This may be a concrete block underneath the barbecue, as long as the entire area of the barbecue is provided with protection underneath.

SPECIAL APPLIANCES:

- Warming appliances/steaming trays, both electric and solid fuel types, shall be located inside tents. They will be monitored by the event organizers, the County Health Department and the Cal Fire/SLO County Fire Department. The intent is that food preparation will occur within the tent.
- Deep-fat fryers and other unique appliances for the cooking and holding of food until served will be reviewed by Cal Fire/SLO County Fire Department and are only approved on a case-by-case basis. If approved, a Class K portable fire extinguisher shall be located within 30 feet of the fryer.

- If the appliances used would require food preparation to occur outside, the Fire Marshal may evaluate the heat potential of the appliance and approve its' use within the tent.