

Tents and Pop-Up Canopies

If you checked Yes in the section of the permit application regarding Set Up/Tear Down of tents and pop up canopies, then it is assumed that you have read and understood this information pertaining to adopted Fire and Building Codes.

Tents and membrane structures having an area in excess of 200 square feet and canopies in excess of 400 square feet shall not be erected, operated or maintained for any purpose without first obtaining a permit from the City of Columbia's Code Administration Department (931.560.1540). Tents or canopies requiring permits, must meet the flame propagation performance criteria of NFPA 701 or be treated with flame retardant in an approved manner and meet the flame propagation performance criteria of NFPA 701.

Exception

Canopies open on all sides which comply with all of the following:

1. Individual canopies having a maximum size of 700 square feet.
2. The aggregate area of multiple canopies placed side by side without a fire break clearance of 12 feet, not exceeding 700.
3. A minimum clearance of 12 feet to all structures and other tents.

Definitions

CANOPY. A structure, enclosure or shelter constructed of fabric or pliable materials supported by any manner, except by air or the contents it protects, and is open without sidewalls or drops on 75 percent or more of the perimeter.

TENT. A structure, enclosure or shelter constructed of fabric or pliable materials supported by any manner, except by air or the contents it protects.

Fire Extinguishers

All cooking operations must have a minimum of one (1) 2A 10BC class fire extinguisher.