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To: All Tent Contractors

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Subject: Bureau Policy for Cooking Tents and Canopies

Introduction:

Occasionally we receive applications for erecting temporary cooking tents and canopies at schools, churches, festivals or commercial establishments. This policy is generated to give a general guideline for the cooking tent approval procedures and documentation.

2017 Ohio Fire Code

(7) **3104.7 Open or exposed flame.** Open flame or other devices emitting flame, fire or heat or any flammable or combustible liquids, gas, charcoal or other cooking device or any other unapproved devices shall not be permitted inside or located within 20 feet (6096 mm) of the tent or membrane structures while open to the public unless approved by the fire code official.

(15) **3104.15 Heating and cooking equipment.** Heating and cooking equipment shall be in accordance with paragraphs (D)(15)(a)(3104.15.1) to (D)(15)(g)(3104.15.7) of this rule.

(a) **3104.15.1 Installation.** Heating or cooking equipment, tanks, piping, hoses, fittings, valves, tubing and other related components shall be installed as specified in the mechanical code and the International Fuel Gas Code as listed in rule 1301:7-7-80 of the Administrative Code, and shall be approved by the fire code official and the building code official in accordance with the applicable requirements of the building code as listed in rule 1301:7-7-80 of the Administrative Code.

(b) **3104.15.2 Venting.** Gas, liquid and solid fuel-burning equipment designed to be vented shall be vented to the outside air as specified in the International Fuel Gas Code and the mechanical code as listed in rule 1301:7-7-80 of the Administrative Code. Such vents shall be equipped with approved spark arresters where required. Where vents or flues are used, all portions of the tent or membrane structure shall be not less than 12 inches (305 mm) from the flue or vent.

(c) **3104.15.3 Location.** Cooking and heating equipment shall not be located within 10 feet (3048 mm) of exits or combustible materials.

(d) **3104.15.4 Operations.** Operations such as warming of foods, cooking demonstrations and similar operations that use solid flammables, butane or other similar devices which do not pose an ignition hazard, shall be approved.

(e) **3104.15.5 Cooking tents.** Tents with sidewalls or drops where cooking is performed shall be separated from other tents or membrane structures by not less than 20 feet (6096 mm).

(f) **3104.15.6 Outdoor cooking.** Outdoor cooking that produces sparks or grease-laden vapors shall not be performed within 20 feet (6096 mm) of a tent or membrane structure.

(g) **3104.15.7 Electrical heating and cooking equipment.** Electrical cooking and heating equipment shall comply with NFPA 70 as listed in rule 1301:7-7-80 of the Administrative Code.

All cooking tents and canopies where cooking is performed shall be separated from other tents or membrane structures by not less than 20 feet (6096 mm).

Open flame or other devices emitting flame, fire or heat or any flammable or combustible liquids, gas, charcoal or other cooking device or any other unapproved devices shall not be permitted inside or located within 20 feet (6096 mm) of the tent or membrane structures while open to public access. Operations such as warming of foods with electric heat are permitted in areas of public access.

Each application will be evaluated based on actual conditions and placement. There is no guarantee that adjustments will be granted.


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