

COOKING IN TENTS & UNDER CANOPIES

GENERAL RULE: Open flames or other devices emitting heat or any flammable or combustible liquids, gas, charcoal or cooking device and any activity that produces sparks or grease-laden vapors shall NOT be inside or located within 20 ft. of any tent while open to the public unless approved by the City Code Official & Fire Marshal.

Exception: Tents up to 200 sq. ft. (10x20) where cooking or the use of open flames occurs may be approved when all of the following apply:

- ◆ The tent is only occupied by employees.
- ◆ The tent fabric is a flame resistant or flame retardant material and proof of flame resistant or retardant material is provided by a label affixed to the fabric or a certificate.
- ◆ There is at least 3 feet horizontally and 5 feet vertically clearance between the appliance and the tent fabric & combustible materials.
- ◆ Appliances atop any plastic table has a heat shield (i.e. metal tray) between the appliance and table surface.
- ◆ A minimum 2A-10BC rated Fire Extinguisher is present, visible and quickly accessible.
- ◆ When cooking involves any oils or fats that may produce grease-laden vapors a "CLASS K" wet chemical fire extinguisher is also present.
- ◆ The public is prevented from coming into contact with any hot appliance or surface.



COMPRESSED GASES

All compressed gas cylinders (i.e. LPG, propane, butane, argon, oxygen, helium, etc.) shall be firmly secured to prevent accidental movement.



MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

This document contains general fire safety provisions. Additional requirements that are essential for public safety at an existing or proposed activity that is not specifically provided for in this document shall be determined by the City Code Official and/or Fire Marshal on a case-by-case basis.

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FESTIVAL SAFETY RULES



OFFICIAL NOTICE

The City of Easton will be enforcing **Fire Safety Codes** at all Outdoor Fairs, Carnivals, Festivals and Special Events



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*Have You Checked Your
Smoke Detector Lately?*

**General Fire Safety Rules for
ALL Outdoor Events**

*****ALL VENDORS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A FIRE
EXTINGUISHER*****

EVENT PERMIT REQUIRED



*Public Safety is
Everyone's
Responsibility.*

All outdoor Fairs, Carnivals, Festivals and other Special Outdoor Events conducted in the City of Easton by any organization, individual or group an "Event Permit" is required.

- ◆ Event Permits can be obtained from the Mayor's Office.
- ◆ Event permit applications must include a SITE PLAN.
- ◆ Event permit applications must include the direct contact information of the person responsible for onsite coordination at the event.

PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN

Event organizers shall submit a "Public Safety Plan" for approval by the Fire Marshal. City Officials can meet with the organizers to assist in plan development.

- ◆ Road closures, detour routes and "No Parking" areas .
- ◆ Communications procedure for reporting emergencies.
- ◆ Emergency vehicle routes in the event area.
- ◆ Need for "Crowd Managers", "Fire Watch" and/or "Private Security" at the event site.
- ◆ Need for additional Public Safety Resources in the event area and/or on standby at a nearby location.

TENTS & CANOPIES ARE TEMPORARY STRUCTURES

All tents, canopies and fabric covered enclosures or shelters are considered "Temporary Structures" and have must meet the following special requirements.

1. Clearances Required:

Tents 10,000 sq. ft. and larger must be located 20 feet from any building, cooking operation and any engine.

Smaller tents may be located closer to a building upon approval of the Fire Marshal.

2. Basic Safety and Fabric Certification:

- ◆ All tents shall be anchored to withstand the elements of weather and prevent collapse.
- ◆ Every tent over 400 sq. ft. (20x20) shall be of a flame resistant fabric. Proof of flame resistant or retardant material shall be provided either by an affixed label or certificate.
- ◆ Multiple tents placed together will be treated as one unit for calculating the total square footage.
- ◆ Smoking is prohibited in all tents.
- ◆ Fireworks shall not be used or stored within 100 feet of any tent. (Note: A special permit is required for fireworks, pyrotechnic and open flame performances/displays).



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Exit Safety

In general all tents with more than 10 people inside are required to have more than one EXIT.



Occupancy load, required number of exits, exit width, exit signage and illumination requirements will be determined by the City Code Official during the review of the event permit application

Heating Inside Tents

In General: gas-fired, liquid-fired and solid fuel burning heating units are NOT permitted inside tents and must be located outside the structure.



Heating units located outside a tent that blow warm air into the tent are the approved method for heating a temporary structure.



Emergency Access

No activity, tent, stand, display, vendor, storage, equipment, etc. shall obstruct, hide from vision or otherwise impede access to any Fire Hydrant or the Fire Department Connection of any building or impede the exit pathways of any building or obstruct planned emergency vehicle routes.