

# LITTLE FALLS FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

## -\$42.00- PERMIT FEE- TENT REGULATIONS

### **\*MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS\***

#### **General and Safety Requirements**

All tents must comply with the following:

**Inspections:** The entire tent system shall be inspected at regular intervals, but not less than four times a year of long term, to determine that the installation complies with the Uniform Construction Code and is maintained in accordance with NFPA 102.

**Maintenance Inspection:** The *owner* of the tent shall file a maintenance inspection report every three months if long term, or at first deployment. The inspection report shall verify that the structure has been inspected and serviced by a representative of the manufacturer of the structure.

**Anchor Inspection:** All anchors shall be inspected regularly and adjusted or repaired immediately to ensure a secure base attachment and seal.

**Fabric Inspection:** The fabric envelope shall be inspected regularly, and any fabric damage shall be repaired immediately to prevent more extensive damage.

**Construction:** All membranes shall be constructed of flame-resistant materials or materials treated to render the material flame-resistant in a manner approved by the Fire Official. The membrane material shall be either non-combustible or flame resistant conforming to NFPA 701.

**Records:** A copy of an affidavit or affirmation shall be retained on the premises on which the membrane or air-supported structure is located. The following is the information needed relative to the flame resistance of the fabric:

1. The names and addresses of the owners of the membrane or air-supported structure;
2. The date the fabric was last treated with flame-resistance solution;
3. The trade name or kind of chemical used in the treatment;
4. The name of the person or firm treating the material;
5. The name of the testing agency and test standard by which the fabric was tested.

**Combustible Material:** Hay, straw, shavings or similar combustible materials shall not be located within any tent containing an assembly occupancy, except the materials necessary for the daily feeding of animals. Sawdust and shavings utilized for a public performance or exhibit shall not be prohibited, provided the sawdust and shavings are kept damp. Combustible materials shall not be permitted under the stands or seats at any time. The areas within, and adjacent to the tent, shall be maintained clear of all combustible materials and vegetation that will create a fire hazard within 20 feet from the structure. All combustible *trash* shall be removed at least once a day from the structure during the period the structure is occupied by the public.

**Exposed Flames:** Gasoline, gas, charcoal, or other cooking devices or any other unapproved open flame shall not be permitted inside or located within 20 feet of the tent.

**Spot Lighting:** Spot lighting or effect lighting shall only be by electricity, and all combustible construction located within 6 feet of such equipment shall be protected with approved noncombustible insulation not less than ¼ inch thick.

**Safety Film:** Motion pictures shall not be displayed in tents or air-supported structures unless the motion picture film is attesting to safety film.

**Clearance:** There shall be a minimum clearance of at least 3 feet between the fabric envelope and all contents located inside the tent.

**Portable Fire Extinguisher:** At least one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating, or two portable fire extinguishers with a minimum 2-A rating each, shall be provided in all tents.

**\*Any questions contact the Fire  
Prevention Bureau at 973-890-4524**