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PERMIT APPLICATION FOR TENTS, TENSIONED MEMBRANE STRUCTURES, CANOPIES AND OUTDOOR MAZES

The NJ Uniform Fire Code states:

"Permits shall be required, and obtained from the local enforcing agency for the activities specified in this section, except where they are an integral part of a process or activity by reason of which a use is required to be registered and regulated as a life hazard use. Permits shall at all times be kept in the premises designated therein and shall at all times be subject to inspection by the Fire Marshal." [N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.7(a)]

Date Of Application: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Location of Event: _____

Will cooking be done? Yes: ____ No: ____ If yes, a Type 1 Cooking Permit is required.

Date of Event: _____ Time: _____

Description:

Date and time you wil be ready for inspection:

I hereby acknowledge that I have read this application, that the information given is correct, and that I am the owner, or duly authorized to act in the owner's behalf and as such hereby agree to comply with the attached applicable requirements of the NJ Uniform Fire Code as well as any specific conditions imposed by the Fire Marshal.

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Applicant Signature | Fee Amount | Permit Type

Guidlines for determining permit requirements for tents, tensioned membrane structures, canopies, and outdoor combustible mazes.

	UFC Permit Required	UCC Permit Required	NO Permit Required
Tent, tensioned membrane structure, or canopy less than 900 square feet in area or less AND 30 feet or less in any dimension without platforms or bleachers			X
Tent, tensioned membrane structure, or canopy greater than 900 square feet in area AND more than 30 feet in any dinension, less than 16,800 square feet in area 140 feet or less in any dimension	Type 1 X		
Tent, tensioned membrane structure, or canopy greater than 900 square feet in area AND more than 30 feet in any dimension, less than 16,800 square feet in area 140 feet or less in any dimension that contains platforms or bleachers 11 feet or less in height	Type 1 X		
Tent, tensioned membrane structure, or canopy greater than 16,800 square feet and greater that 140 feet in any dimension		X	
Tent, tensioned membrane structure, or canopy of any size		X	
Tent, tensioned membrane structure, or canopy of any size used		X	
Tent, tensioned membrane structure, or canopy of any size		X	
Tent, tensioned membrane structure, or canopy of any size containing platforms or bleachers greater than 11 feet in		X	
Tent, tensioned membrane structure, or canopy greater than 900 square feet in area AND more than 30 feet in any dinension, less than 16,800 square feet in area 140 feet or less In any dimension that installs any electrical equipment, electrical wiring or mechanical equipment	Type 1 X	X	
Outdoor combustible maze less than 6 feet in height and does not contain electrical equipment	Type 1 X		
Outdoor combustible maze 6 feet or greater in height or outdoor combustible maze of any size containing electrical equipment		X	

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 material supported by any manner, except by air or the contents it protects.

Outdoor Combustible Maze: An attraction that lacks a roof and is designed to disorient patrons, reduce vision, present barriers, or otherwise impede the flow of traffic and does not consist solely of living rooted plants such as corn stalks or trees, but includes mazes created from plants that have been cut and attached to an object to support them.

(A) Mazes consisting solely of living , rooted plants, such as corn stalks or trees, may be repaired using cut, replacement plants that are otherwise the same as those of which the maze is created without the need for a permit.

(B) No permit shall be required for mazes up to 42 inches in height created by bales of hay or straw

Guidance Document
Cooking appliances under Canopies and Tents

Definitions:

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

Cooking activities under canopies may be approved based upon the following:

1. The ussuance of a Type 1 Permit pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.7(a)3.v.

2. The use of membrane structures for cooking activities is restricted to free standing canopies with no sides attached during cooking activities.

   Exception: Tents installed pursuant to a permit issued under the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code wherein the cooking activity was included as part of application, review and approval process.

3. A diagram is submitted that includes a floor plan showing the location of the cooking appliances and any other fuel sources or supplies.

4. The cooking canopy is located no less than five feet from any other canopy, tent or structure.

5. The canopy fabric is flame resistant and the applicant has provided the Fire Official with a certification attesting the flame resistance as required by Section 2001.8 of the UFC.

6. All cooking equipment to be placed under a canopy is listed for commercial use. (example: a residential barbecue is not listed for commercial use)

7. LP-Gas containers are located at the outer edge of the canopy, a minimum of five feet from the heat-producing appliance. The containers are protected to prevent tampering or damage by vehicles or other hazards. The containers are securely fastened and free of leaks. Safety relief valves are pointed away from the canopy.

8. Occupancy underneath the canopy is restricted to those persons necessary for food preperation only. Food may be served from the outer edge of the canopy. Suitable barriers should be provided to maintain a distance of not less than five feet between areas accessed by the general public and the cooking equipment.

9. Portable fire extinguisher(s) are provided for each cooking location. The size and type will be determined in accordance with the fire protection requirements of the fire code and it's referenced standard, NFPA 10.

10. Storage of combustible items required for food preparation or serving is limited.

11. All other applicable provisions of the NJ Uniform Fire Code are adhered to.