



City of Anaheim
Fire Department
Fire Prevention Bureau
Specifications and Requirements

Subject: TENTS, CANOPIES AND TEMPORARY MEMBRANE STRUCTURES

References: California Fire Code, 2010 Edition, Chapter 24, Sections 2403 and 2404

Tents (more than one sidewall), membrane structures (air supported) and canopies (maximum one sidewall) in excess of 400 square feet, require a permit from the Anaheim Fire Department prior to installation.

Exceptions:

1. Tents used exclusively for recreational camping purposes.
2. Fabric canopies open on all sides which comply with all of the following:
 - 2.1 Individual canopies having a maximum size of 700 square feet.
 - 2.2 The aggregate area of multiple canopies placed side by side without a fire break clearance of 12 feet, not exceeding 700 square feet total.
 - 2.3 A minimum clearance of 12 feet to all structures and other tents.

The following must be submitted with the permit application:

1. City of Anaheim Business License.
2. Flame Retardant Certification.
3. Site Plan, specifying the following:
 - Location of tents/canopies - which shall not be located within 20 feet of property lines, buildings, parked vehicles or internal combustion engines. For determining required distances, support ropes shall be considered as part of the membrane structure, tent or canopy.

Exceptions:

1. Separation distance between membrane structures, tents and canopies not used for cooking, is not required when the aggregate floor area does not exceed 15,000 square feet.
2. Membrane structures, tents or canopies need not be separated from buildings when all of the following conditions are met:
 - 2.1 The aggregate floor area of the membrane structure, tent or canopy shall not exceed 10,000 square feet.
 - 2.2 The aggregate floor area of the building and membrane structure, tent or canopy shall not exceed the allowable floor area including increases as indicated in the California Building Code.
 - 2.3 Required means of egress provisions are provided for both the building and the membrane structure, tent or canopy, including travel distances.
 - 2.4 Fire apparatus access roads are provided in accordance with Section 503.
- Square footage of the canopy/tent.
- Number of tent walls.
- Location of any fire lanes.
4. Floor Plan, specifying the following:
 - Location of exits (include size, type and etc.).
 - Location of fire extinguishers (minimum 2-A:10-B:C with current service tag).
 - Location of "No Smoking" signs.
5. Diagram for interior type of event, specifying the following:
 - Location of chairs, tables, merchandise and exhibits.
 - Occupant load for event. Use 15 square feet per person for events with tables and chairs. Use seven square feet per person for events without tables and chairs. An approved occupant load will be listed as a requirement of permit when it is issued.

Additional permits may be required from the City of Anaheim. For inquiries please contact the Business License Division at (714) 765-5194 and the Planning and Zoning Division at 714-765-5139.

For further information regarding these requirements contact: Fire Prevention Bureau at (714) 765-4040, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.