



## TENT REQUIREMENTS

*Please note: this is only meant as a guideline and does not cover every situation. Any discrepancies between this guideline and the International Fire Code 2003 will be defaulted to the latter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Neosho Fire Department at 451-8021.*

*Tents having an area in excess of 200 square feet and canopies in excess of 400 square feet shall not be erected, operated or maintained for any purpose without first obtaining a permit and approval from the fire department.*

All tents must be inspected by the fire department prior to use. An occupant limit may also be determined by the fire inspector.

Tents cannot not be located within 20 feet of any other tents, structures, lot lines, vehicles, etc. and a 12 foot access shall be provided around the tent for fire department access. The area around the tent must be cleared of combustible vegetation to a distance of 30 feet.

Tents require a minimum of TWO exits, which must be marked and must be illuminated at night (an interior light in the tent is sufficient if it lights the actual sign, the sign itself does not have to be internally illuminated). A larger tent and/or certain uses may require additional exits. Exits must not be obstructed.

The tent must be certified as fire resistant. This will usually be marked on the tent and the inspector will ask to see it.

A fire extinguisher for each 3000 square feet is required with a minimum 2-A rating. **Note: usage of the tent may require additional extinguishers or different ratings. This includes, but is not limited to, cooking and sale of fireworks.**

"NO SMOKING" signs shall be present and smoking is not permitted in tents.

Combustible materials are not permitted in tents (including hay, straw, etc.) and ignitable liquid storage must be kept a minimum of 50 feet from the tent.

Usage of tents for heating/cooking equipment and displays of motorized vehicles have special requirements.

Other uses of tents or certain circumstances may have special requirements. Contact the fire department if you have any questions.

Permits maybe obtained at the Neosho Fire Department, 125 N. College St. Neosho, Missouri 64850, during normal business hours Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.