



City of Hanford Fire Department

Fire Prevention and Community Risk Reduction Division

Fire Marshal

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Outdoor Dining & Cooking Guidelines

Any business or property owner, requesting to install a tent or canopy that is over 400 square feet, must apply for an operational permit through the Fire Department. Any tents that will be installed for longer than 180 days shall also obtain an operational permit and may be subject to site plan review. The permit shall include a diagram containing the following information:

All Tents or Canopies

- Square footage of the tent or canopy & location on the property
- All fabric shall have a CA State Fire Marshal tag indicating that it is nonflammable or has been treated
- Adequate anchoring or bracing
- A minimum of one 2A:10B-C rated fire extinguisher shall be located under the tent or within seventy-five (75') feet
- Egress points shall be identified, and they shall have "Exit" signs posted
- "No Smoking" signs shall be conspicuously posted
- Generators shall be twenty (20') feet away, and all temporary lighting shall have GFCI protection
- No gas-powered (propane) heaters are allowed under, or within ten (10') feet of the tent

Cooking Tents

Cooking is permitted to be conducted inside of a tent or canopy. The following rules shall apply:

- A minimum of three (3') feet clearance shall be maintained between the appliance and the sides of the tent
- A non-combustible lid shall be available for any pots or pans
- One Class K-rated fire extinguisher shall be provided if grease is used
- Point of egress/ exit shall remain clear

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