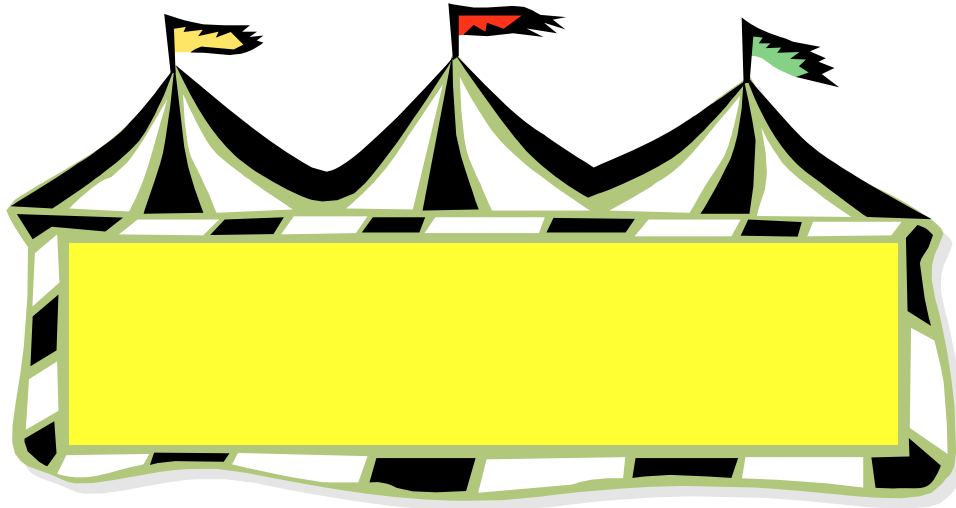


CODE COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

TENTS, CANOPIES, AND OTHER MEMBRANE STRUCTURES



Many of the fire and life safety enhancements found in today's society are borne out of tragedy. This is the case with the use of tent structures for special events. In July of 1944, the Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus performed in Hartford, Connecticut. A fire broke out in a tent, resulting in the deaths of 167 people. The tent had been waterproofed with a mixture of paraffin and gasoline. The fire spread quickly and with great intensity. Like the Seton Hall dormitory in 2001, and the Warwick Rhode Island nightclub fire in 2003, the Hartford Circus fire heightened public awareness of the need for fire safety improvements in special events using fabric structures. New protections for the public began to emerge in codes and legislations throughout the nation. In New York State, the current Fire Code requires a permit for tents and canopies used for public events. This allows review of the proposed tent's use, ensuring that materials and layouts are in conformance with current life safety standards. The code also requires periodic inspections to verify that exits are maintained, and that sources of ignition are secured.



Quick Permit Application

Tents, Canopies, and other Membrane Structures
(Fire Code of New York State 2401.2)

Tent or Canopy: _____

Location* _____

Tent Size: _____

Use of Tent: _____

Dates of Operation: _____

Operator Name: _____

Operator Address _____
(Non-UAlbany Operator)

Operator Phone #: _____

Operator Fax#: _____

Tent Vendor: _____

Vendor Address: _____

Vendor Phone#: _____

Vendor Fax#: _____

Required Submittals:

- ◆ Tent Vendor Workers' Compensation Insurance Certificate
(<http://www.albany.edu/dhs/code WCI.pdf>)
- ◆ Tent Certificate (s) of Flammability

***LOCATION:** Attach description or drawing. Describe distances from building and other tents.

Certificate of Operation and Compliance Inspection Report Tents and Other Membrane Structures

Office of Environment Health & Safety
Code Administration and Enforcement
1400 Washington Avenue, Chemistry B-73
Albany, NY 12222
PH: 518-442-3495
Fax: 518-442-3783



Permit No: _____ Inspection Date ___/___/___ Inspection Time ___:___ HRS

Location _____

Operator _____

FC-NYS	Description	PASS	VIOLATION	NA
2403.2	Construction Permit			
2403.2	Certificate of Operation			
FC-NYS	Compliance Checklist	PASS	VIOLATION	NA
2403.7.2	Separation Distance			
2403.7.5	12' Fire Break			
2403.8	Anchorage			
2404.2	Flame Resistant Material, NFPA 701			
2404.3	Label			
2404.4	Certification			
2404.5	Combustible Materials, Vegetation			
2404.6	"No Smoking" Signage			
310.3				
2404.7	Open Exposed Flame			
2404.12	Portable Fire Extinguishers			
906				
2403.11.1	Means of Egress			
605	Electrical Hazards			
2404.15	Heating and Cooking Equipment			
2404.16	LP Gas			
2404.17	Flammable and Combustible Liquids			
2404.19	Generators			
2404.22	Housekeeping, Combustible Waste			

Aforementioned code violations have been noted. Violations shall be corrected **immediately** by the operator and / or owner. Tent or Membrane Structure will be re-inspected for compliance on _____, 20____

Tent has been inspected and this **Certificate of Operation** is issued this _____ day of _____, 20____

This Certificate of Operations expires _____, 20____. Tent will be re-inspected on or before expiration date.

University at Albany Code Administration & Enforcement