

City of West Melbourne Tent Installation Requirements

This document is being provided to explain the requirements of the City of West Melbourne Fire Prevention Code as it relates to the installation of TENTS in the City.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Tents shall be so located from any property line or permanent structure so as to be readily accessible by fire equipment.
2. Tents having an area of 15,000 square feet or more shall be located not less than fifty (50) feet from any other tent or structure as measured from the side wall of the tent unless joined together by a corridor.
3. An unobstructed passageway or fire road not less than twelve (12) feet wide and free of guy ropes or other obstructions shall be maintained on all sides of all tents unless otherwise approved by the Fire Official.
4. The tent shall be of a flame retardant material or shall be made fire retardant in accordance with the standard fire prevention code and approved by the Fire Official.
5. **NO** cooking facilities shall be permitted.
6. **ALL** areas shall be accessible to disabled persons in accordance with State and Federal laws.

EXIT REQUIREMENTS

1. Not less than two (2) exits shall be provided with a minimum width of six (6) feet for each exit.
2. Smooth surfaced, unobstructed aisles having a minimum width of not less than 44 inches, clearly marked and illuminated at all times shall be provided.

FIRE PROTECTION REQUIREMENT

1. Smoking shall be prohibited and approved **NO SMOKING** signs shall be conspicuously posted at the entrance and throughout the tent.
2. **NO** fireworks, open flames or other device emitting flame or fire shall be used in or immediately adjacent to any tent.
3. Portable fire extinguishers shall be inspected by a state licensed contractor and installed as follows:
 - 1) One 2A type extinguisher shall be provided in every tent having a floor area of more than 500 square feet, but less than 1000 square feet and one additional 2A type extinguisher for over 1000 square feet and for each 2000 square feet.
 - 2) The top of the extinguisher shall be mounted not over five (5) feet from the floor.