



Permit Application for the Temporary Use of Tents and Other Membrane Structures

The North Carolina Fire Code requires:

- A **Construction Permit** to erect an air-supported temporary membrane structure in excess of 400 square feet (37 m²) or a tent having an area in excess of 800 square feet (74 m²).”
- Permit valid for not more than 180 consecutive days within 12 month period on single premise.

Exceptions:

1. Tents used exclusively for recreational camping purposes.
2. Funeral tents and curtains, or extensions attached thereto, when used for funeral services.
3. Tents and awnings open on all sides, which comply with all of the following:
 - 3.1. Individual tents shall have a maximum size of 1800 square feet (167 m²).
 - 3.2. The aggregate area of multiple tents placed side by side without a fire break clearance of not less than 12 feet (3658 mm) shall not exceed 1800 square feet (167 m²) total.
 - 3.3. A minimum clearance of 12 feet (3658 mm) to structures and other tents shall be maintained.

The following conditions must be met before a permit is issued

1. Permit fee of \$75.00 payable to the City of Fayetteville, 433 Hay Street, Fayetteville, NC 28301
2. Tents, Stage Canopies, and Membrane Structures shall comply with all requirements of the N.C. Fire Code
3. Meet the fire requirements of the Zoning Official
4. Non-compliance may result in a re-inspection fee of \$50.00

Business/Event Name: _____ Phone: _____

Tent/Membrane- location/purpose: _____

Contact Name: _____ Set up Date: _____

Signature: _____ Removal Date: _____

Fire Official: _____ Approval Date: _____

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Zoning Official: _____ Approval Date: _____

Guidance on Erecting Tent and Membrane Structures

- **Use period.** A temporary tent, air-supported, air inflated or tensioned membrane structure shall not be erected for a period of more than 180 consecutive days within a 12- month period on a single premises
- **Construction documents.** A **detailed site and floor plan** for tents or membrane structures with an **occupant load of 50 or more** shall be provided with each application for approval. The tent or membrane structure floor plan shall indicate details of the *means of egress* facilities, seating capacity, arrangement of the seating and location and type of heating and electrical equipment.
- **Location.** Tents or membrane structures shall not be located within 20 feet (6096 mm) of *lot lines*, buildings, other tents or membrane structures, parked vehicles or internal combustion engines. For the purpose of determining required distances, support ropes and guy wires shall be considered as part of the temporary membrane structure or tent.
- **Flame propagation performance treatment.** Before a permit is granted, the *owner* or agent shall file with the *fire code official* a certificate executed by an *approved* testing laboratory certifying that the tents and membrane structures and their appurtenances shall be treated with a flame retardant in an *approved* manner with NFPA 701

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