



## **REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL EVENT FOOD SALES**

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**The following requirements shall be met for the use of tents and canopies at authorized special events.**

### **Open Flames and Appliances Emitting Grease Laden Vapors**

- A. Cooking and heating equipment shall not be located within **10 feet** of exits or combustible materials (3216.3.1)
- B. Tents where cooking is performed shall be separated from temporary membrane structures, other tents and canopies by a minimum of **20 feet** (3216.3.2)
- C. Outdoor cooking that produces sparks (solid fuel) or grease-laden vapors shall not be performed within **(20) feet** from a temporary membrane structure, tent or canopy (CFC 3216.3.3)
- D. Cooking appliances without an automatic fire protection system shall be operated in a separate area from the sales tent (CFC 3215.2)
- E. Canopies may be used over LPG barbecues. Where canopies are allowed they shall be made from flame retardant material, with a **State Fire Marshal** label, and must be a minimum of five **(10) feet from sales tent**.
- F. All tents being used as a food booth must be **flame retardant** and must be labeled.
- G. Ash disposal shall be the responsibility of the organization and shall be either contained within the cooking unit, or placed in a metal container with a tight fitting lid to be transported away from the site for disposal. (CFC 1109.6)

### **Fire Extinguisher**

- A. **2-A-10-B:C**- rated fire extinguisher shall be provided for each temporary booth. (CFC Standard 10-1)
- B. **K class** - rated wet chemical fire extinguisher shall be provided where **deep-fat fryers** are used. (2504.3.3)

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- C. The extinguisher must be serviced annually or after it has been used. A **current tag must be attached to the extinguisher** or indicate on the label a date of manufacture within the last 12 months. (Title 19 CCR)

**LPG Tanks**

- A. All tanks must be stored **outside** the temporary booth, and must be adequately secured in an upright position to prevent damage. (CFC 3216.4.2)
- B. There is a limit of one, five-gallon tank per cooking appliance with a two appliance maximum per booth. Additional tanks may be stored away from the cooking/public area at a secured location.
- C. No electrical or other ignition source shall be in the same area as the tanks, or with LPG lines and connections.
- D. Equipment such as tanks, valves, tubing and other related components shall be listed. (CFC 3216.4.1)

**Burners**

- A. Combustible material must be kept a minimum of three (3) feet from all heat sources. (CFC 1109.2)

**Generators**

- A. Generators and other internal combustion power sources shall be separated from tents and canopies by a minimum of twenty (20) feet and be isolated from contact with the public by fencing, enclosure, or other approved means. (CFC 3219)
- B. Refueling shall be performed in an approved location not less than twenty (20) feet from tents, and canopies. (CFC 3217.3)

**Fueled Equipment**

- A. Flammable-liquid-fueled equipment shall not be used in tents and canopies. (CFC 3217.1)
- B. Flammable and combustible liquids shall be stored outside in an approved manner not less than fifty (50) feet from tents and canopies. (CFC 3217.2)