



CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
Fire Prevention Division

STATEMENT OF POLICY

Policy #: BFP-0018	Tents and Canopies		
Reviewed and Approved By: Gene Dugal	Title: Fire Marshal	Effective Date: July 1, 2009	Revised Date:

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this section is to establish standards for tents and canopies for special events. The use of tents and canopies for the purpose of housing motor or recreational vehicles or storage is prohibited.

POLICY:

Tents and canopies are permitted in most zoning districts. It is the responsibility of the Permit Applicant to consult with the Planning Division if a Tent or Canopy is permissible in the zoning district the tent/canopy will be erected in, prior to submitting a Tent/Canopy Permit.

Permits are required for tents over 200 square feet and for canopies over 400 square feet. When an interim use permit is issued for an event that includes a tent or canopy, Fire Marshal review of the proposed tent or canopy is required but a separate tent or canopy permit is not required.

Tents and canopies must conform within the provisions of the City of Bloomington Fire Prevention Code, Chapter 6, Bloomington City Code, Section 19.63.06, and the Minnesota State Fire Code.

Tents and canopies must be set back at least 10 feet from any property line. The Issuing Authority may require tents and canopies to be set back an additional distance from property lines when adjacent to an incompatible land use.

Unless entirely surrounded by buildings, tents and canopies shall not be erected for more than twenty five days per year per site. The City Council may extend the allowed time period after holding a public hearing and finding that the proposed tent or canopy will not be injurious to the neighborhood or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare.

Adequate parking and traffic circulation must be preserved and the health, safety, and welfare of the community must not be adversely impacted by the proposed tent or canopy.

Conditions of approval may be attached to a tent or canopy permit by the Issuing Authority or the City Council to ensure adequate parking and traffic circulation, to minimize impacts on adjacent property, to ensure adequate setbacks from property lines, and to otherwise protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community.