



Madison County Building Department

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Temporary Tents & Membrane Structures

Per the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, a permit is required if the area of the tent(s) exceeds 900 square feet -or- the occupant load exceeds 50.

Regardless of whether a permit is required, all tents shall meet the following requirements:

1. A permanent label shall be affixed to all tents & membrane structures indicating they meet the flame propagation requirements of NFPA 701
2. Approved 'No Smoking' signs shall be posted
3. All tents shall have approved fire extinguishers installed per section 906 of the International Fire Code
4. Open flames or any other device emitting flames, fire or heat are not permitted
5. Means of egress shall comply with the Virginia USBC and section 3103.12 of the Virginia SFPC
6. Any and all other requirements of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code and the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code shall be met and adhered to at all times.

Code References: 2018 Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (sections 108 & 3103) 2018 Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code (section 3104).

Note: when applying for a permit, a tent layout showing exits, fire extinguishers and No Smoking signs shall be provided.

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