City of North Miami Beach, Florida

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

PROCEDURES OF TENT PERMITS

Only temporary permits of less than 180 days shall be granted for tents.
Tents 10' x 10'or smaller do not require permits.
The design of tents shall comply with section 25.2 of the Florida Fire Prevention Code chapter 16 of the Florida Building Code.

1) Tents shall be created to cover not more than 75% of the premises.
2) A certificate to verify that the fabric used for the tent complies with NFPA 101 shall be provided along with a sample of the fabric.
3) The minimum distance between the stake lines shall be 10'.
4) There shall be no smoking allowed in the tent.
5) The tent shall be equipped with portable fire extinguishing equipments.
6) Tents occupied by public or erected to store combustible materials shall spaced at a minimum distance of 10'
7) Tents shall be checked for a wind pressure created by wind acting at 90 mph (3-sec gust) in exposure "C" and an importance factor of 1.0.
8) The canvas and the stakes (or water barrels or sand bags or masonry blocks) shall be capable of withstanding the uplift due to the calculated wind pressure.
9) The tents shall be removed if the winds approach 75 mph.
10) Following documents are required for a tent permit.
    a) Plan showing the property and the locations, sizes & spacing of tents.
    b) Plan shall also show the location of the stakes (or water barrels or sand bags or masonry blocks).
    c) Structural calculation of the wind pressures and the uplift force on the stakes (or water barrels or sand bags or masonry blocks). The structural calculations shall verify that the stakes (or water barrels or sand bags or masonry blocks) are capable of resisting the uplift forces.
    d) Flame certificate verifying compliance of the canvas with NFPA 101.
    e) Note on the plans instructing the Owners to remove tents if winds approach 75 mph.
11) Miami-Dade County Fire Department approval required.
12) Where portable toilets are provided at least 5% shall be accessible.
13) Special Event Permit required – contact Community Development Department at (305)948-2966.