

TOWN OF MARSHFIELD

Tent Regulations Ordinance #01-17

A tent in the excess of 1,500 square feet requires a tent permit, tent permits can be received by contacting the Hewitt Area Volunteer Fire Department.

1. General Requirements

- a. Tents shall be permitted only on a temporary basis 180 days maximum.
- b. Tents shall be erected to cover not more than 75 percent of the premises, unless otherwise approved by the Hewitt Area Volunteer Fire Department.
- c. Automotive equipment that is used in connection with any tent may not be parked within 20 feet of the tent except by special permission of the fire chief or his designee.
- d. No other automotive equipment or internal combustion engines may be parked or located within 50 feet of the tent except upon a public street.
- e. Flammable or combustible liquids may not be stored in a tent nor less than 50 feet from any tent used for public assemblage.
- f. The storage and dispensing of flammable or combustible liquids shall be in accordance with Chapter Comm 10.
- g. Hay straw and other flammable material may not be stored less than 35 feet from any tent, except upon special permission from the fire chief or his designee.
- h. The grounds both inside and outside of tents shall be kept free and clear of combustible waste and refuse.
- i. Waste and refuse shall be stored in approved containers or removed from the premises. Smoking is prohibited in any tent or in any adjacent areas where hay, straw, alfalfa, sawdust or other highly combustible materials are kept or stored.
- j. "No Smoking" signs shall be conspicuously posted. 1) No fireworks, open flame or other device emitting flame or fire may be used in or immediately adjacent to any tent while open to the public, except upon special permission from the fire chief.
- k. The placement of tents relative to other structures shall be at the discretion of the Hewitt Area Volunteer Fire Department, consideration given to occupancy, use, opening, exposure, and other similar factors.

2. Flame Resistance

- a. All tent fabric shall be flame resistant, a certificate or other evidence of acceptance by an organization acceptable to the Hewitt Area Volunteer Fire Department is a requirement.

3. Location and Spacing

- a. There shall be a minimum of 10 feet between stake lines

4. Fire Extinguisher

- a. Portable fire-extinguishing equipment with a minimum rating of 2A-10BC shall be furnished and maintained in tents. The travel distance to extinguisher(s) shall not exceed 75 feet or as directed by the Hewitt Area Volunteer Fire Department.

5. Exits

- a. Every tent occupied by the public shall have at least two (2) standard exits located at or near opposite ends of the structure and a minimum of 44 inches wide each.
- b. The total width of exits from a tent used for assembly purposes shall be not less than 44 inches per 100 persons.
- c. Tents used for assembly purposes, exits shall be provided on three (3) sides if the capacity exceeds 600 persons and on four (4) sides where the capacity exceeds 1,000 persons.

6. Heater

- a. If heaters are to be used consult with the Hewitt Area Volunteer Fire Department.

7. Electrical

- a. Electrical systems in all tents shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of the Wisconsin state electrical code.
- b. The electrical system and equipment shall be isolated from the public by proper elevation and guarding. All electrical fuses and switches shall be installed in approved enclosures. Cables laid on the ground in areas traversed by the public shall be placed in trenches or protected by approved covers.

8. Fee

- a. See the Hewitt Area Volunteer Fire Department Fee Structure – Resolution 1-16.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Adopted by the Town of Marshfield Board this 13th day of June, 2017. Effective upon publication and posting.

Allen W. Breu – Chairman

Janet A. Meyer – Clerk

Effective date: June 19, 2017.

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TENT PERMIT APPLICATION

Facility Name _____

Contact Person _____

Tent Location _____

Date of expected tent erection: ____/____/____

Date(s) of expected occupancy ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

(Tent permit good for a maximum of 180 days)

In accordance with the Town of Marshfield Ordinance #01-17, this application is being made to erect a tent with over 1500 square feet area in the Town of Marshfield.

All tents shall be erected and maintained in accordance with the Wisconsin Department of Commerce Administrative Code, 14.31 NFPA 1 31.4.1 Tents

FEES

Each tent over 1,500 square feet - \$40

I hereby apply for a tent permit and I acknowledge that the information above is complete and accurate. I further acknowledge that the tent(s) listed under this permit will comply with the Wisconsin Department of Commerce Administrative Code, 14.31 NFPA 1 31.4.1 Tents. I will contact the Hewitt Area Volunteer Fire Department if I have any further questions or concerns prior to the issuance of this permit.

The Applicant is: () Owner () Agent _____

Applicants Signature/Date

*To receive a copy of the regulations contact the Hewitt Area Volunteer Fire Department

5/9/17