



DIXON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Outdoor Business guidelines for tents (umbrellas, ez-ups, etc.) using outdoor heating devices

Businesses with approval from the City for temporary outdoor dining or business permits are permitted to use listed heaters when following manufacturer instructions for outdoor use and must be in compliance with the California Fire Code, NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) Standards and the below requirements:

- A tent permit from the Fire Department is required for tents and membrane structures having an area in excess of 400 square feet. (California Fire Code 3103.2)
- Only California State Fire Marshal treated and listed tents (CFC 3104.3 and CCR Title 19) over 400 square feet in size are permitted to use heating devices that utilize LPG (Liquefied Petroleum Gas).
- Only one heating device utilizing LPG is permitted for every 400 square feet of tent space.
- Portable fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of a class 2A:10 B-C is required on-site and must be within 75' feet of travel distance. (CFC 3107.9 and CCR Title 19)
- For this program heaters using LPG tanks cannot exceed 5 gallons in size. (NFPA 58 section 6.22.5)
- Heating devices utilizing LPG shall not store LPG tanks inside of buildings. These tanks must be stored outside or in accordance with CFC section 6109.9.
- Portable heaters having an input of more than 50,000 BTU/hr. shall be equipped with either a pilot that must be lighted and proved before the main burner can be turned on or an approved electric ignition system. (NFPA 58 section 6.22.2.6)
- LPG heaters must be located at least 5 feet away from buildings. (CFC Table 6104.3 and CFC 603.4.2.1.2)
- All outdoor heating equipment shall not be located within 5 feet of building exits or exit discharges. (CFC 603.4.2.1.4 and NFPA 58 section 6.21.2.3)
- All outdoor heating equipment must be located 5 feet away from all parts of the tent. (CFC 603.4.2.1.3)
- Tents are only permitted to have three walls (must be treated and open on at least one long side) per State guidance on airflow and for use of LPG heating devices inside of tents. (CFC 3107.12.2)
- All portable electric heaters must be rated for outdoor use and comply with CFC 604.10.
- Exterior rated listed extension cords shall be permitted for temporary use provided the applicant does not create a trip or fall hazard across the walkway or path of egress. (CFC 604.5 and CFC 3106.6.1)
- Outdoor lighting must be listed for outdoor use. (CFC 3106.6.1)
- In the event the State of California or the California State Fire Marshal issue guidelines affecting businesses and their outdoor operations all businesses shall comply with those requirements.



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