To: Bill King, Building Development Administrator

From: Chief Antonio Burden, Fire Marshal

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Subject: Tents and Membrane Structures

cc: Planning and Sustainability Intake

Memorandum

Temporary Tents and Membrane Structures
IFC 2012 ed. SECTION 3103
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3103.1 General. All temporary tents and membrane structures shall comply with this section.

3103.2 Approval required. Tents and membrane structures having an area in excess of 400 square feet (37 m²) shall not be erected, operated or maintained for any purpose without first obtaining a permit and approval from the fire code official.

Exceptions:

1. Tents used exclusively for recreational camping purposes.
2. Tents open on all sides which comply with all of the following:
   2.1 Individual canopies having a maximum size of 700 square feet (65 m²).
   2.2 The aggregate area of multiple tents placed side by side without a fire break clearance of 12 feet (3658mm), not exceeding 700 square feet (65 m²) total.
   2.3 A minimum clearance of 12 feet (3658mm) to all structures and other tents.
3. Tents of any size used for the sale or display of fireworks or pyrotechnic devices shall require a fire plan review.
4. All tents with cooking shall require a health department inspection.

Any questions concerning the change above can be directed to the office of the Fire Marshal.

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