TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD TENT PERMITS

A permit is required to be filed with the Building Department and Office of the Fire Marshal for any temporary tent in excess of 400 sf.

Exceptions:

1.) Tents maximum size does not exceed 700 sf, has a minimum distance of 12 feet to any structure.

2.) Tent is 900sf occupied by less than 50 persons has no heating appliances, electrical service and erected for fewer than 72hours.

These structures shall be erected for a period of no more than 180 days.

- Please note that the Zoning Department should be contacted prior to permit submission where any tents intended location would be in a parking lot.

Tents shall not be located within 20 feet of lot lines, buildings, other tents, parked vehicles or internal combustion engines.

Exceptions-

1.) Multiple Tents need not be separated from each other provided the aggregate floor area does not exceed 15000 sf.

2.) Tents need not be separated from buildings when ALL the following criteria are met-
   2.1) The aggregate floor area does not exceed 10000sf.
   2.2) The aggregate floor of the tent and building shall not exceed the allowable floor area per the type of construction as defined by the building code.
   2.3) The required means of egress (i.e. travel distance, #number of exits, etc.) are provided for both the building and the tent.

A detailed site and floor plan for a tent intending to have an occupant load of 50 or more. These documents shall indicate the means of egress, seating capacity arrangement of seating, heating source if utilized and electrical equipment.

An unobstructed fire break passageway or fire road not less 12 feet wide, free from guy wires or other obstructions shall be maintained unless otherwise approved

Tents shall be roped, braced and Anchored to withstand the elements of weather to prevent collapse.

Certification of the name and address of the tent owner, date fabric was last treated with flame resistant solution, chemical used, person treating the material, testing agency, and test standard by which the fabric was used.