


<b>MEMORANDUM</b>  Florence Fire Department Division of Fire & Life Safety    324 W. Evans St. Florence, SC 29501	Number: 00-2022-001
	Dated: 5/25/2022 Amended: N/A
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<b>Title: Guidelines for Cooking Under Tents</b>	

1. **PURPOSE:** To establish guidelines for the Florence Fire & Life Safety Division to inspect cooking under tents.

The Fire Marshal and/or Fire Inspector(s) from the City of Florence Fire & Life Safety Division has the right to perform a Fire Inspection prior to the opening of any vendor operation. An unsatisfactory inspection may disqualify your participation in the event.

**Tents, Cooking, and Non-cooking**

- All tents and/or membrane structures, as well as any attachments shall be adequately roped, braced, and anchored to withstand the elements of weather and prevent collapsing.
- Cooking tents shall be flame resistant, with a permanently affixed acceptance label showing that it meets NFPA 701 standard.
- Smoking shall not be permitted in tents, canopies, trailers, booths, or membrane structures. Approved “No Smoking” signs shall be conspicuously posted.
- Open flame or other devices emitting flame, fire, heat, or any flammable or combustible liquids, gas, charcoal, or other cooking devices or any other unapproved devices shall not be permitted inside a tent/membrane structure that is larger than 700 sq. ft. or several such structures with an aggregate area of 700 sq. ft. or more.
- LP-gas containers shall be located outside of temporary structures. Safety release valves shall be pointed away from the tent, canopy, or membrane structure. Freestanding LP tanks shall be at least five (5’) feet from any tent, trailer, or booth.
- There shall be at least three (3’) feet of clearance between deep fat fryers and charcoal cooking.
- Flammable and combustible liquids shall be stored outside in an approved manner not in or under tents, canopies, trailers, or membrane structures.

**Electrical Power**

- Generators and other combustion power sources shall not be in or under tents, canopies, trailers, or membrane structures.

- Refueling of generators and other combustion power sources shall be performed in an approved location not less than 20 feet from tents, canopies, trailers, or membrane structures.
- Electrical cords shall be compatible with anticipated load (minimum 12 AWG is required), UL rated for outdoor and wet locations, be in good condition, secured to prevent trip hazards, and not be placed in the public's traffic paths.
- No multi-plug adaptors will be allowed. Power strips shall be surge protected with a breaker reset and UL rated.

### **Fire Extinguishers**

- All cooking tents, booths, and trailers shall be equipped with a fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A:10BC and it must be, accessible at any time.
- All facilities with deep fat fryers shall be equipped with a class K fire extinguisher and shall be always accessible.
- Facilities cooking using deep fat fryers and normal cooking devices will be required to have both types of fire extinguishers.
- All required fire extinguishers shall be properly serviced and tagged by a licensed fire extinguisher company within the past year. Licensed fire extinguishers companies can be found in the Yellow Pages under Fire Extinguishers.
- All tents with electrical appliances shall have a fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A:10BC and it must be, accessible at any time.