



GUIDANCE DOCUMENT FOR COOKING

APPLIANCES UNDER TENTS

(FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT ONLY)



PURPOSE:

The current fire code, gives the fire code official the ability to approve certain cooking/warming appliances which may be considered to be a minimal fire hazard typical of limited cooking facilities and located under a tent that is open on all sides and not attached to another structure.

DEFINITIONS:

Guidance Document: An agency statement of general applicability and future effect, other than a regulatory action.

Tent: A structure, enclosure or shelter without sidewalls or drops, constructed of fabric or pliable material supported by any manner except by air or the contents that it protects.

Cooking activities under tents may be approved based upon the following:

- a. The use of membrane structures for cooking activities is restricted to free standing tents with NO sides attached during cooking activities.
- b. Open flame cooking and fryers are prohibited from being utilized under a tent. Flat top griddles with no exposed or open flames are permitted.
- c. Individual tents having a maximum size of 700 square feet (65 m²).
- d. The aggregate area of multiple tents placed side by side with a fire break clearance of 12 feet (3658 mm), not exceeding 700 square feet (65 m²) total.
- e. A minimum clearance of 12 feet (3658 mm) to all structures and other tents.

EXCEPTIONS: NONE

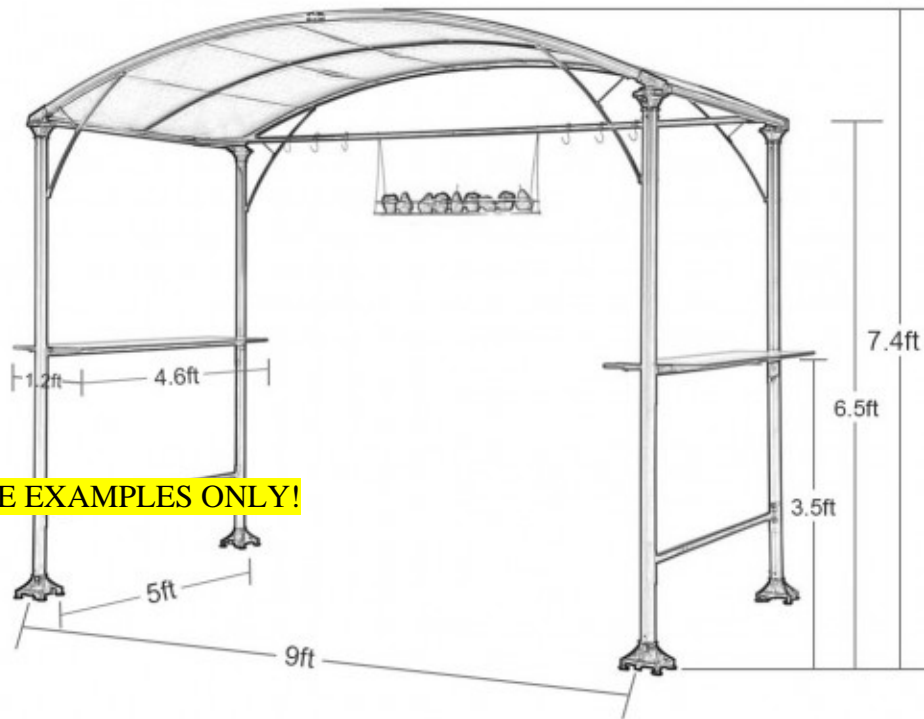
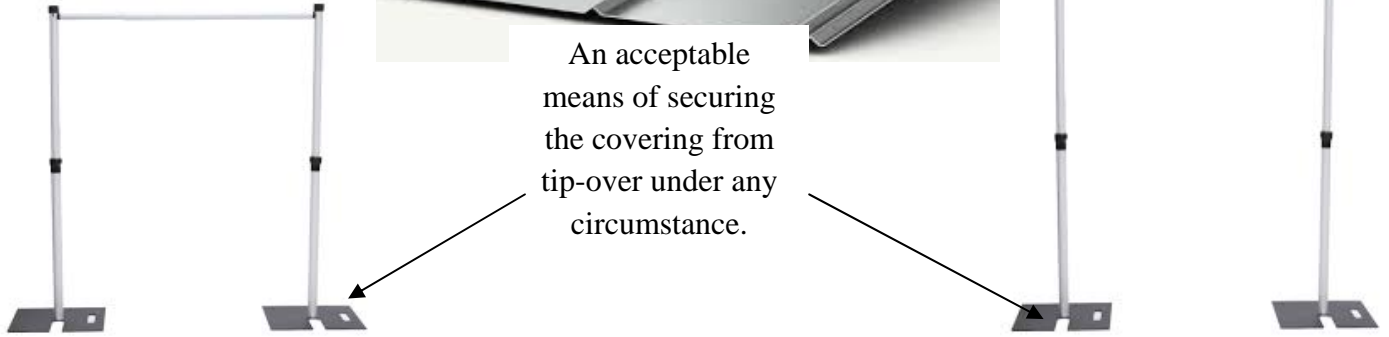
- f. The cooking tent is located no less than 12 feet from any other, tent or structure, outside of the 700' square feet aggregate.
- g. The tent fabric is flame resistant and the applicant has provided the Fire Official with a certification attesting the flame resistance as required by NFPA 701.
- h. All cooking equipment to be placed under a tent is listed for commercial use.
- i. LPG containers with a capacity of <500 gallons are located outside the tent, a minimum of 10 feet.
- j. The LPG containers are protected to prevent tampering or damage by vehicles or other hazards.
- k. The containers are securely fastened and free of leaks. Safety relief valves are pointed away from the tent.
- l. Occupancy underneath the tent is restricted to those persons necessary for food preparation & sale only.

Food may be served from the outer edge of the tent. Suitable barriers should be provided to maintain a distance of not less than ten feet between areas accessed by the general public and the cooking equipment.

**ALL METAL NON-
FLAMMABLE OR
COMBUSTABLE
COATING**



An acceptable means of securing the covering from tip-over under any circumstance.



NOTE: ABOVE ARE EXAMPLES ONLY!