



VILLAGE OF HARVEYSBURG

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TENT REQUIREMENTS

Based on Section 3103 Ohio Building Code provides general guidelines for membrane structures. Chapter 24 of the International Fire Code and section 1301:7-7-31 Ohio Fire Code also provides some guidelines for the construction of tents and membrane structures.

Temporary Tents and Membrane Structures erected for a period of less than 180 days.

Approval (Permit) is required for tents and membrane structures. To determine required distances, support ropes, and guy wires shall be considered as part of the temporary tent or membrane structure (Section 3103.1.2 OBC).

1. An individual tent or membrane structure with an area **over 400 square feet**; or
2. Multiple tents or membrane structures with an aggregate area of **over 400 square feet** when adjacent temporary tents or membrane structures are located within 12 feet of one another.

Exceptions:

1. Tents used exclusively for recreational camping purposes.
2. Tents open on all sides which comply with **ALL** of the following:
 - a. Individual tents having a maximum size of 700 square feet.
 - b. The aggregate area of multiple tents placed side by side without a fire break clearance of 12 feet, not to exceed 700 square feet total.
 - c. A minimum clearance of 12 feet to all structures and other tents.

The following information is required for tents over 400 square feet:

1. **Site Plan** (Includes: lot dimensions, the footprint of existing buildings, and the location of the tent)
2. **Anchorage Detail** (Section 3103.9 OFC)
3. **Flame Resistant Material Certificate** complying with NFPA 701 (Section 3104.4 OFC)
4. **Floor Plan** for tents with 50 or more persons indicating means of egress, seating arrangement, and location and type of any heating or electrical equipment (Section 3103.6 OFC).
5. **Ultimate wind speed documentation** showing the tent meets the 115 MPG ultimate wind speed requirement of the 2017 OBC Section 1609.

Tents having square footage of 400 or less do not require a permit but must comply with Building & Fire Codes.

An inspection is required from the Building Department when the tent is erected and ready for use.

APPROVED PLANS WITH ANCHORAGE DETAIL ARE REQUIRED ON SITE.

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