



## BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP BUREAU OF FIRE SAFETY

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### PERMIT DESCRIPTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

o **Vendor Cooking** with an Open Flame Requirements: For use of any open flame or flame producing device in connection with any public gathering, for the purpose of cooking food products. A fire extinguisher rated at a minimum of 2-A:20BC to be attached to the vendor's cart/vehicle and ready for use. Any or all propane cylinders properly secured and maintained. All combustibles are stored away from flame producing equipment. No open flame allowed in or within 20 feet of a tent structure. All equipment, which produces grease-laden vapors, kept clean and properly maintained. Initial here \_\_\_\_\_

o **Tent Requirements:** Tent membrane shall be flame resistant as per NFPA 701. A certificate will be provided. At least two exits will be provided and exit openings shall remain open. Exits will be adequately lit at all times. Exit doorways will be indicated with exit signs. No open flame will be allowed in or within 20 feet of the tent structure. Fire extinguishers will be provided and maintained on site. No smoking signs will also be displayed. Initial here \_\_\_\_\_

o **Cooking Tent Requirements:** 1. The use of membrane structures for cooking activities is restricted to free standing canopies with no sides attached during cooking activities. 2. The cooking canopy is located no less than five (5) feet from any other canopy, tent or structure. 3. All cooking equipment placed under a canopy must be listed for commercial use. 4. LP-Gas containers are located at the outer edge of the canopy, a minimum of five feet from the heat-producing appliance. The containers protected to prevent tampering or damage by vehicles or other hazards. Containers securely fastened and free of leaks. Safety relief valves pointed away from the canopy. 5. Occupancy underneath the canopy is restricted to those persons necessary for food preparation only. 6. Portable fire extinguisher(s) 60B:C rated will be provided for each cooking location. 7. Storage of combustible items required for food preparation or serving is limited. Initial here \_\_\_\_\_

o **Open Flame Event Requirements:** For use of any open flame or flame producing device in connection with any public gathering, for the purpose of a recreational fire, (i.e. campfire or bonfire). Dimensions of the fire shall not exceed 3 feet in diameter, and 2 feet in height. A fire extinguisher rated at a minimum of 4-A, or other approved on-site fire-extinguishing equipment shall be available for immediate utilization. A minimum distance of 25 feet kept from adjacent structures, and measures taken to eliminate spread of the fire to within 25 feet. Fuel shall consist of seasoned dry firewood. The fire constantly attended, until fully extinguished. Initial here \_\_\_\_\_



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o **Overnight Stay Event Requirements:** All occupants shall be familiar with the fire safety and evacuation plan, and participate in a fire drill prior to commencing activities. Sleeping areas prohibited in confined spaces. All exit signs, egress lighting, doors and hallways shall be in working order and unobstructed. Proper ADULT supervision consisting of persons over the age of 21 is provided. Initial here \_\_\_\_\_

o **Multi-Purpose Room Requirements:** All egress doors shall remain unlocked at all times building is occupied. When serving over 50 occupants, 44 inch aisles maintained at all times. Tables or chairs shall not block these aisles. All exit signs and lighting shall be in working order. An announcement made within 10 minutes of starting function, clearly stating the location of all exits. Initial here \_\_\_\_\_

o **Haunted House Requirements:** All Decorations shall be non-combustible, or flame resistant in compliance with NFPA 701. All egress doors shall remain unlocked at all times building is occupied. When serving over 50 occupants, 44 inch aisles will be maintained at all times. Smoking prohibited. All exit signs, egress lighting, doors and hallways shall be in working order and unobstructed. Initial here \_\_\_\_\_

o **Hot Tar Kettle Use Requirements:** A minimum of two extinguishers rated at not less than 20-B:C each will be kept on location, one on the roof and within 30 feet of each tar kettle. Kettle shall be equipped with a tight fitting cover. A safe distance maintained from structures. A hose line attached, ready for use. Kettle must not be left unattended while in operation. 3 Initial here \_\_\_\_\_

o **Torch for Roof Repair Requirements:** Use of propane torch for roof repair – A minimum of two fire extinguishers rated not less than 2-A:20B:C will be kept on site; one on the roof, and one extra available for use at all times. A hose line attached for immediate use. All combustibles removed and a fire watch shall be present for at least 30 minutes after work is completed. Initial here \_\_\_\_\_

o **Welding Requirements:** All combustibles shall be removed from the area unless physically impossible. Non-combustible shields or cover from possible sparks or hot metal shall protect such combustibles. Two fire extinguishers rated at not less than 2-A:20B:C to be kept in the area, one next to the welding operation. A fire watch shall be present at all times, and remain there for at least 30 minutes after welding or cutting is completed. Initial here \_\_\_\_\_



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o **Welding for Demolition Requirements:** All combustibles must be removed from area unless physically impossible. Noncombustible shields or cover from possible sparks or hot metal shall protect such combustibles. A minimum of two fire extinguishers rated at not less than 2-A:20B:C to be kept in the area for immediate use. A firewatcher shall be present at all times and remain on the job at least 30 minutes after the operation has been completed. Additional methods of fire protection shall be in use – a fire hose charged and ready for use. A signed inspection report attesting to the fact shall be filed and available for inspection by the Fire Official. Initial here \_\_\_\_\_

o **Special Requirements:** Event Coordinators Responsibilities makes appointment with the Fire Marshal's office — a minimum of 2 weeks before the event — to pull all permits for event. Distribute and collect necessary information (permits, etc.) to event vendors Relays all enclosed information to any and all personnel involved with the event Site Plan Approval/Emergency Vehicle Access—Specifically for events that close streets must allow for access of emergency vehicles from adjacent alleys and/or through the streets of the event site. Listed below are examples of on-site requirements. A final determination of your exact requirements will be explained to you through this process:

- Appropriate number and type of fire extinguishers with inspection tag or purchase receipt from within the last 12 months.
  - Combustible wall covering may not exceed 10% of any wall or egress-path. An exception is that in a protected (sprinklered) auditorium, the covering may not exceed 50%.
  - No cooking is permitted under any tents.
  - Extension cords shall be outdoor rated and must not be laying in an area where water may accumulate or they pose a tripping hazard.
  - All booths, tents and canopies must be of approved material and be flame resistant and must have a certificate of flame resistance to accompany permit application.
  - No fuel may be refilled during the event while the public is present.
  - No smoking in any tent, canopy or adjacent area where hay, straw, sawdust or other combustible materials are stored. "No Smoking" signs shall be conspicuously posted.
  - Only cylinders that are hooked-up for use shall be allowed at each station.
  - All temporary wiring needs a permit from the Township building department. 908-725-6300 Ext 5565.
  - All equipment shall have U.L. approval.
  - All amusement rides shall have NJ approval.
  - Fire permits must be on-site and in possession of the vendor
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