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To: Town of Smithfield Restaurants/Eating Establishments

From: Chief Robert W. Seltzer ^{RWS}

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RE: Restaurant Tent Checklist provided by the Office of the State Fire Marshal

Today, we received guidance from the Office of the State Fire Marshal for restaurants and other eating establishments that wish to utilize a tent for outside dining.

The information as provided below is exactly how we received it from the State Fire Marshal. As some of the information may be new to your business, or you may not understand the requirements, feel free to contact our Fire Prevention Division at 401-949-1332. Alternatively, you may email me at chief@smithfieldfire.com and I will have a Fire Prevention officer contact you.

TENT SAFETY CHECKLIST

Tent Structure MUST be open. No sidewalls allowed per order of the Rhode Island Department of Health

SET UP

- ✓ Permit obtained from local licensing authority when tented area exceeds 350 sq. ft.
- ✓ Survey of tent from local fire authorities after the tent is erected but before it is occupied
- ✓ The remoteness and travel distance to exits have been approved by fire marshal
- ✓ Seating arrangements are in accordance with Emergency Executive orders and State Fire Safety Code
- ✓ Tents shall be 10' from structures or other tents
- ✓ Tents shall not cover more than 75% of the premises
- ✓ Emergency vehicles can reach within 150' any point of the tent exterior walls
- ✓ Existing propane containers must be at least 5' from tent
- ✓ Tent fabric is flame resistant; (Tested in accordance with NFPA 701 test method 2); applies to all sizes of tents
- ✓ Lighting and electrical installations are installed, operated and maintained in accordance with the electrical code
- ✓ **NO Emergency lighting required**
- ✓ Fire extinguishers are readily accessible and within 75' (type 2A; 10BC)
- ✓ Tent guy wires and ropes must be at least 7' in height
- ✓ Tent stake lines must be least 10' apart and are not a trip hazard near the exits

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OPERATIONS

- ✓ **NO Occupancy load sign required**
- ✓ Generators, if used, must be at least 5' from tent and barricaded to prevent contact. Only refilled if at least 25' from tent when public is not present
- ✓ Portable heating units or other propane use have been approved by the fire marshal
- ✓ No plastic sheeting or combustible decorations are used (unless tested to NFPA 701 and approved by fire marshal)
- ✓ Cooking is not allowed under tents occupied by the public
- ✓ No use or storage of flammable/combustible liquids
- ✓ No open flames devices allowed
- ✓ Dried out combustible vegetation or other combustibles should be kept 10' from tent