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## **Guidelines for Outdoor Dining – COVID-19**

### **Tents, Canopies and Tension Membrane Structures**

- All tents shall be **Flame Retardant** as per NFPA 701 Standard with Certification supplied to this office
- All tents shall be adequately roped, braced or anchored and **shall not** obstruct fire department connections (FDC)
- A site floor plan shall be submitted for approval to the fire official
- Seating/aisles shall be 44 inch width with occupancy 50 persons or more, 36 inch width for occupancy of 49 persons and under
- Two separate means of egress shall be required for occupancy over 50 persons
- Fire extinguisher shall be located within 25 feet of tent. Extinguisher size 2A-10B:C

**Note:** Tents of any size used or occupied between December 1 and March 31 require a Building Permit

### **Propane Heaters (Permit Required)**

- Propane heater shall be UL listed with classifications and safety instructions from manufacturer. **Employees must understand the functionality of the heaters.**
- Permit required for use of LP-gas
- Propane heater(s) shall be at least five (5) feet from building and **shall not** obstruct Fire Department Connections (FDC)
- Propane heaters shall be equipped with a tilt or tip over switch which automatically shuts the flow of gas if tilted more than 15 degrees from vertical. Tip test shall be performed
- Propane heaters shall have 3 foot clearance (sides & top) from combustibles
- Patrons shall not interact with the heaters
- Propane heaters shall not be used during storm or snow events
- LP-gas cylinders shall not be stored in any part of any structure. **IF PROPANE OR ANY OTHER FLAMMABLE OR COMBUSTIBLE GAS OR LIQUID ARE FOUND TO BE STORED INSIDE A BUSINESS OR STRUCTURE A \$2500 PENALTY WILL BE ASSESSED AND PERMIT WILL BE REVOKED**
- Propane heaters shall not be located in exit path

## Electric Heaters

- Electric heaters shall be UL listed with classification and safety instructions from manufacturer. **Employees must understand the functionality of the heater**
- Electric heaters shall be equipped with a **Tip Over Safety Switch**
- Electric heaters shall have a minimum of 3 feet clearance from combustibles
- Extension cords for electric heaters shall be rated for outdoor use and powered by a GFI protected outlet. (Any permanent wiring installed requires an **Electrical Permit** from the Building department). **Multi-stripes shall not be used**
- Extension cords used for electric shall be limited to what is necessary and shall be positioned such that it doesn't present a danger or hazard to patrons or those walking in the area
- Electric heater **SHALL NOT** be use during storms or snow events
- Patrons shall not interact with heaters

## Lighting

- No lighting shall be allowed unless tent is flame retardant
- All lighting shall be LED and approved for outdoor use
- All extension cords shall be approved for outdoor use and powered by a GFI protected outlet

**SAFETY FEATURES OF PATIO HEATERS**

*Patio heaters have been designed with consumer safety in mind and offer a range of safety features to prevent fire hazards and accidental injuries. Before you buy, check for the following features.*

- ✓ **NO NAKED FLAMES**  
Have the flames safely contained
- ✓ **THERMOCOUPLE**  
Prevents gas leaks if the flame is extinguished
- ✓ **CSA SAFETY RATING**  
This means the unit has been tested and approved by a third-party evaluator
- ✓ **ANTI-TILT DEVICE**  
A weighted base minimizes the risk of the heater toppling over