

Office of the Fire Marshal

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Requirements for Cooking Tents, Canopies and Membrane Structures

TO: Hanover Parks and Recs / Food Service/Food Vendors

FROM: Chris Slemp, Deputy Fire Marshal

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This memo is to serve as requirements for all Food Vendors who participate in events in Hanover County.

All vendors must set up and be inspected on the day previous to an event.

SFPC 107.2 (VA) A fire permit shall be required for all tents, canopies and membrane structures over 900 square feet. The permit must be obtained prior to operation.

SFPC 2403.8.2 A minimum of 20 feet shall be required between structures or tents. Cooking tents must be separated from serving tents and no public access to cooking tent.

SFPC 2404.7 Open flames shall be prohibited within the structure unless approved by the fire marshal.

SFPC 2404.17.1 Flammable-liquid-fueled equipment may not be used in tents, canopies or membrane structures unless secured and approved by the fire marshal.

SFPC 2404.19 Generators shall be separated by a minimum of 20 feet from structure.

SFPC 3003.3.3 All compressed gas cylinders shall be secured.

SFPC 904.11.5 Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided within a 30-foot travel distance of commercial-type cooking equipment. Cooking equipment involving vegetable or animal oils and fats shall be protected by a Class K rated portable extinguisher.