

# Tents and the Ontario Building Code

## **A. Tent or Group of Tents less than 60m<sup>2</sup> (645.8ft<sup>2</sup>) in area:**

- No building permit is required as long as they are not attached to a building and are not within 3m (9'10") of another structure.

## **B. Tents between 61m<sup>2</sup> (656.6ft<sup>2</sup>) and 225m<sup>2</sup> (2421.9ft<sup>2</sup>) in area – with no side walls or bleachers:**

- Building permit is required, and P. Eng. drawings for the tent and its structure including anchorage are required.
- Application must include a completed Application to Construct or Demolish application form (available on The Town of Perth website).
- Site plan indicating the location of the tent with setbacks to other buildings and property lines shown.
- Must maintain 3m (9'10") to property lines and other structures.
- Ground enclosed by the tent must be clear of flammable material (grass cut short is acceptable).
- Copy of flame resistance certification required – must state compliance with either NFPA 701 or CAN/ULC-S109.
- Access must be provided for fire-fighting (must be easily approachable by emergency personnel).
- Requires layout to be provided showing exits, stages/platforms, seating areas, 1100mm (3'8") path of travel within tent and to each exit, bar location, etc.)

## **C. Tents between 61m<sup>2</sup> (656.6ft<sup>2</sup>) and 225m<sup>2</sup> (2421.9ft<sup>2</sup>) in area – with side walls or bleachers:**

- Building permit is required, and P. Eng. drawings for the tent and its structure including anchorage are required.
- Application must include a completed Application to Construct or Demolish application form (available on The Town of Perth website).
- Site plan indicating the location of the tent with setbacks to other buildings and property lines shown.
- Must maintain 3m (9'10") to property lines and other structures.
- Ground enclosed by the tent must be clear of flammable material (grass cut short is acceptable).
- Copy of flame resistance certification required – must state compliance with either NFPA 701 or CAN/ULC-S109.
- Access must be provided for fire-fighting (must be easily approachable by emergency personnel).
- Requires layout to be provided showing exits, stages/platforms, seating areas, 1100mm (3'8") path of travel within tent and to each exit, bar location, etc.)
- Sanitary facilities must be provided in compliance with the Building Code as follows:

Number of Persons of Each Sex	# of Water Closets Required for Each Sex
1 to 50	2
51 to 70	3
71 to 90	4
91 to 110	5
111 to 140	6
141 to 180	7
181 to 220	8
221 to 260	9
Over 260	10 – Plus 1 for each additional increment of 40 persons of each sex in excess of 260.

## **D. Tents greater than 225m<sup>2</sup> (2421.9ft<sup>2</sup>) in area:**

- Building permit is required, and P. Eng. drawings for the tent and its structure are required and a P. Eng. must sign a commitment to review form and inspect the tent after it is erected but before it is put in use.
- A copy of the Engineer's report is to be submitted to the Building Division prior to occupancy or use.
- Building permit is required.
- Application must include a completed Application to Construct or Demolish application form (available on The

Town of Perth website).

- Site plan indicating the location of the tent with setbacks to other buildings and property lines shown.
- Must maintain 3m to property lines and other structures.
- Ground enclosed by the tent must be clear of flammable material (grass cut short is acceptable).
- Copy of flame resistance certification required – must state compliance with either NFPA 701 or CAN/ULC-S109.
- Access must be provided for fire-fighting (must be easily approachable by emergency personnel).
- Requires layout to be provided showing exits, stages/platforms, seating areas, 1100mm (3'8") path of travel within tent and to each exit, bar location, etc.)
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**E. General requirements:**

- Multiple Tents placed within 3m (9'10") of each other will result in the total area of all such tents being considered as one tent.
- All Building permit applications shall be submitted at least 10 days prior to erection.
- Every tent requiring a permit must have three (3) exits areas from the tent that are at least 9m (29.5ft) apart and each exit to be minimum 1.2m (4ft) in width and shall be indicated on layout plan if required and shall have an exit sign affixed above each exit.
- Fire extinguisher as required by the Town of Perth Fire Department shall be in place at time of inspection for occupancy.

**\*\* An inspection is required prior to the tent being put into use. Fire Prevention staff accompany the Building Inspector to perform a joint inspection organized via the Building Division. \*\***