

# Guidelines for Tents for Commercial Outdoor Dining\*

## Outdoor dining tent permits are required for:

- 400 square feet or greater tent with open sides
- 200 square feet or greater tent with enclosed sides

Temporary outdoor dining tents will not require permit fees. Temporary outdoor dining tents will require a **building, electrical, and mechanical permit**.

(Select Commercial Outdoor Dining as the permit category.)

The installation of temporary outdoor dining tents includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Submit a detailed site and floor plan for occupant loads of 50 or more
- Occupancy load posting
- Illuminated exit signs
- Emergency lights
- Egress plans
- Tent specifications
- Heating and ventilation equipment must be installed per manufacturer's installation instructions
- NO COOKING ALLOWED IN TENTS
- Branch circuits
- All extension cords must be heavy duty
- All extension cords/cables must have protection from accidental damage
- All extension cords/cables must be protected –mats, sleeves, etc.
- Receptacles must be GFCI protected and weather rated (WR)
- All lamps must be protected from accidental contact or breakage
- Metal framed tents must be grounded

**\*This is a guideline only. For specific information see Section 3103 (Temporary Structures) in Chapter 31 (Special Construction) of the 2015 International Building Code and Article 590 of the 2017 NEC**