



# CITY OF KING FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## Special Events

# Guidelines for Carnivals, Fairs, Festivals, and Related Events

The purpose of this document is to establish a set of guidelines that operators/organizers of carnivals, fairs, festivals and other types of related events shall follow to provide a reasonable level of safety for the public. Any proposed alternative measures to the guidelines below shall provide an equal level of safety and shall require prior approval of the fire code official. Please refer to the reference page to the associated footnotes in this document.

### **General Requirements:**

1. All street festivals and related events within the City of King’s planning/zoning jurisdiction shall be inspected by a City of King Fire Department code enforcement official(s) due to street closures, tent setups, or other factors related to such events.
2. Portable generators shall be kept at a minimum of 20 feet from building openings and exhaust shall be turned away from openings.<sup>1</sup>
3. The fire code official shall determine if fire department personnel shall be required for fire/medical standby for the event. Please see the City of King Fire Department Fees/Fines page on the City of King website for additional information regarding hourly rates per employee.<sup>2</sup>
4. A minimum of three (3) feet of clearance shall be provided around fire hydrants and fire protection equipment. Areas on the street(s)/parking lot(s) where fire hydrants/fire protection equipment are located, no tent, vehicle, trailer, etc. shall be in the immediate area of the hydrant.<sup>3</sup>
5. All tents shall be anchored according to a minimum 35 mph wind with 100lbs of anchorage for a 10x10 tent. A 10x20 tent requires a minimum of 200lbs for a minimum 35 mph wind. All commercial permit-required tents are required to follow manufacturers’ recommendations for anchoring.

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- a. Enclosed tents greater than 800 square feet, canopy tents greater than 1,800 square feet open on all sides, and tents placed together or in a row that has an aggregate area of not more than 800 square feet reference “Permit Required Tent” section below.

## **References:**

1. 2018 NC Fire Code 313.1.1
2. 2018 NC Fire Code 403.12.2
3. 2018 NC Fire Code 507.5.4