

TOWN OF MILFORD Requirements for SPECIAL EVENTS

August 5, 2015

This package is intended to serve as a general reference document; to provide guidelines and identify code requirements concerning various events and occasions. It is designed to address the most frequently occurring and applicable codes and standards and is not all inclusive of every possible requirement. For additional information please contact the Milford Fire, Police, and/or Building departments.

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II. Applicability

- A. All special events shall meet the requirements of the current adopted editions of the NH State Fire Code, Building Code, and National Electrical Code.
- B. Site, floor, and electrical plans (if applicable) for any special event shall be submitted to the Fire Department and Community Development Office (Building Dept.), a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled event. Final plans (If applicable) shall be submitted 7 days prior to the event. (In the event of extenuating circumstances the Fire Chief or Designee may waive the 30 and 7 day submittal requirements. The final determination shall be made by the Fire Chief or Designee)
- C. Any venue shall not exceed its posted occupancy limit in accordance with its Place of Assembly permit unless a Life Safety Evaluation has been performed by an independent third party fire protection engineer.

III. <u>Inspections Required</u>

All tents, booths, food service areas, electrical installations etc. shall be ready for inspections by both building, health & fire inspectors a minimum of 2 hours prior to the start of the event.

IV. Definitions

AHJ – The authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) is that person or office charged with enforcing the Life Safety Code. In most situations, it is the fire chief or designee, unless the matter is a health or police matter in which case it is the respective department official.

Canopy – A temporary structure, enclosure, or shelter constructed of pliable materials which is open without sidewalls or drops on 75% or more of the perimeter.

Certificate of Flame Resistance – A certificate or affidavit that states the material has been treated in accordance with NFPA 701.

Cube Tap – A grounded U/L listed adapter that converts one female connector into multiple female conectors.

Flame Retardant – An approved chemical compound or mixture which, when applied in an approved manner to any fabric or material, will render such fabric or material incapable of supporting combustion.

Floor Plan – A plan drawn to scale showing the proposed event layout and seating with locations of all aisles, exits, and fire protection equipment.

Food Service Establishment- As defined by RSA 143-A:3, IV means any fixed or mobile, attended or unattended restaurant; coffee shop; cafeteria; short order café; luncheonette; grill; tearoom; sandwich shop; soda fountain; tavern; bar; cocktail lounge; night club; roadside stand; industrial feeding establishment; food vending operation; private or public organization or institution, whether profit or non profit, which routinely serves food; catering kitchen; commissary, or similar place in which food or drink is prepared for sale or for service on the premises or elsewhere; and any other eating or drinking establishment or operation in which potentially hazardous food is served or provided for the public with or without charge.

Open Flames – Torches, candles, and other devices using flames.

Open Flame Cooking Device – Sterno fuels, grills, stove tops, etc.

Power distribution strip – A grounded electricity distribution device containing overload protection that turns one AC wall outlet into several.

Site Plan – A plan illustrating the proposed parking, "no parking" areas, and traffic flow patterns.

Special Events – Any assembly within a building (other than residential), tent, structure etc. of more than fifty (50) people, including but not limited to luncheons, dinners, sporting events, carnivals, fairs, political rallies, performances, and private functions. Any events held in an area, space or structure used outside of its normal function or existing permitted use (for example, a tennis court or courts for a stage, seating area, trade show, or exhibition) shall be considered a special event and shall meet the requirements of NH Saf-C 6000. (*The Final Determination is made by the local AHJ or Designee.*)

Splitter or "Y" Tap – A grounded U/L listed adapter in the form of a letter "Y", having two female cord connectors on one end and a male plug at the other end.

Tent – A temporary structure, enclosure, or shelter, either with or without sidewalls, constructed of fabric or pliable material.

Triple or "W" Tap – A grounded U/L listed adapter in the form of a letter "W", having three female cord connectors on one end and a male plug at the other end.

- V. <u>Police Requirements NH RSA, Chapter 105, Police Officers and Watchmen:</u>
 <u>Section 105:9</u> (The following NH RSA is applicable to these Requirements for Special Events:)
- I. Any person desiring to conduct a public dance, circus or carnival shall make application for police attendance at that function. Any person who conducts a public dance, circus, or carnival without first making application for police attendance at that function is guilty of a violation.
- II. The Chief of Police in any city or town, subject to the written approval of the Mayor and Board of Alderman, Board of Selectmen, or Licensing Board shall examine applications for police attendance at public dances, circuses and carnivals and determine if such attendance is necessary. If the Chief of Police decides police attendance is necessary, he shall detail one or more police officers to attend whose services shall be paid for by the applicant.
- **III.** The Chief of Police shall have the authority to assign police details to attend any public meetings or functions which he determines may potentially:
 - (a) Involve traffic-related problems; or
 - (b) Lead to public disturbance or public nuisance; or
 - (c) Endanger public health, safety or welfare.

III-a. The applicant or sponsor of any public meeting or function may be charged for the services of any police officers that may be detailed or assigned to that meeting or function, unless charges authorized by this section for the services of a police officer are waived by the Chief of Police when in his judgment such authorization does not conflict with an existing local ordinance or policy.

IV. The Chief of Police, the Police Department, and any city, town, or political subdivision shall not be held liable for any decision not to detail police officers to attend any public meeting or function.

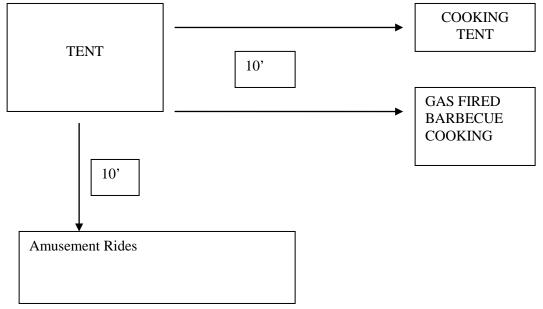
VI. Outdoor Special Events

- A. **Permit Required.** A Special Event Permit shall be obtained from the Milford Fire Department in accordance with NH State Fire Code, NFPA 1 2009 Edition, Chapter 1, Table 1.12.7(a) prior to any special event. It is required that the permit shall be applied for at least thirty (30) days prior to the special event.
- B. For venues hosting seasonal special events, only one (1) permit application shall be required
- C. In accordance with NH State Fire Code NFPA 1 2009 Edition, Chapter 20, section 20.1.5.6.1 a minimum of one (1) trained crowd manager for every 250 persons in attendance at the special event. Crowd managers must submit proof of training with the event application. Should the applicant be unable to provide trained crowd managers, the Milford Fire Department will provide them.
- D. In accordance with NH State Fire Code NFPA1 2009 Edition, Chapter 10, section 10.15.4 Standby fire personnel shall be provide if required by the Fire Chief or Designee.
- E. A Special Event Permit shall be obtained from the Milford Fire Department for all tents and temporary membrane structures in excess of 200 square feet and canopies in excess of 400 square feet in accordance with NH State Fire Code, NFPA 1 2009 Edition, Chapter 1, Table 1.12.7(a) used for the purpose of hosting gatherings of fifty (50) people or more. *This excludes tents used exclusively for the purpose of camping*.
- E. A Special Event Permit is not required for tents under two hundred (200) square feet or canopies under four hundred (400) square feet.
- F These structures shall have a Place of Assembly Permit in accordance with NH RSA 155-18.
- G. All tents shall meet the requirements of NH State Fire Code, NFPA 1, Chapter 25.
- H. All enclosed tents, canopies, or temporary membrane structures shall be equipped with emergency lights and exit signs.
 - 1. All tents or temporary membrane structures shall be accompanied by documentation from a licensed structural engineer regarding structural stability to withstand the elements of weather to prevent unintentional collapse.
 - 2. Tents or temporary membrane structures shall be erected in accordance with the manufactures specifications or The IFAI procedural handbook for the safe installation of tentage second edition.
 - 3. It is the applicant's responsibility to discontinue the use of the tent or temporary membrane structure in the event of severe weather.

I. Means of egress requirements shall be as follows:

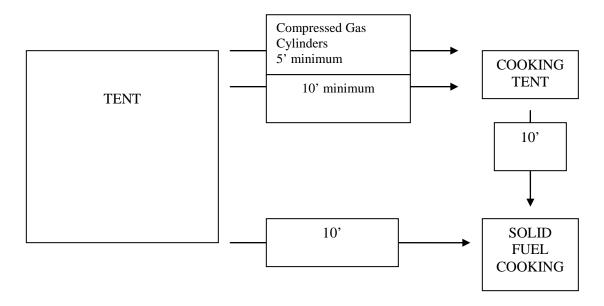
Occupant load	Number of exits	Minimum exit width
Less than 10	1	36"
10 to 199	2	72"
200 to 499	3	72"
500 to 999	4	96"
1000 or more	5	120"

- **J.** If two (2) or more exits are provided, illuminated exit signs and emergency lighting shall be provided.
- **K.** All tents shall have a certificate of flame resistance in accordance with NH State Fire Code, NFPA 1.
- L. All outdoor tents, canopies, and temporary membrane structures utilized for cooking shall be separated from other structures (including amusement rides) by a minimum of ten (10) feet in accordance with the NH State Fire Code, NFPA 1,, Chapter 10, Section 10.15.8

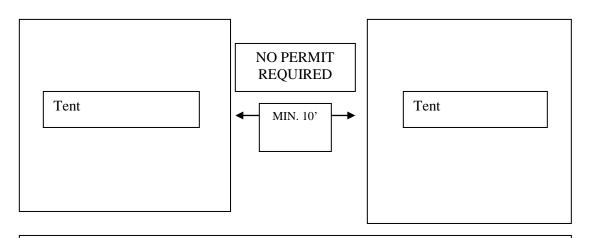


M. Compressed gas cylinders, including but not limited to those used for heated cooking devices, shall be located at least five (5) feet from the outside of all tents and booths, and at least ten (10) feet away from any open flame.

N. All compressed gas cylinders shall be stored in an upright position and secured to prevent accidental tip-over. All compressed gas cylinders not in use shall be capped. See diagram below:



O. Tents and canopies that are at least ten (10) feet apart are not considered connected.



WHEN TENTS OR CANOPIES ARE A MIN. OF 10 FEET APART THEY ARE NOT CONSIDERED CONNECTED. NO PERMIT IS REQUIRED IF THE TENTS ARE UNDER 200 SQUARE FEET, CANOPIES ARE UNDER 400 SQUARE FEET.

P. Fire Protection Requirements.

- 1. Cooking of the following items will be allowed under a tent subject to inspection and approval of the Fire Department:
 - i. Grilling/Barbequing of meats that have been prepared in an enclosed mobile unit or commissary.
 - ii. Cooking/reheating of commercially prepared foods.
 - iii. Deep frying of commercially prepared foods.
 - iv. Preparation of non-hazardous foods (kettle corn, popcorn, pretzels, etc)
- 2. Cooking is prohibited under tents, temporary membrane structures, and/or canopies which are used for any type of public assembly.
- 3. Any booth, trailer, tent, or canopy using an open flame cooking device shall have a minimum of one (1) approved fire extinguisher with a 2A: 10B: C rating and a minimum of five (5) pounds of extinguishing agent. In addition, any booth, trailer, tent, or canopy using deep fat fryer/fryolator type cooking device shall also have a minimum of one (1) approved 6L (min) Class K fire extinguisher
- 4. All fire extinguishers' shall be inspected annually and shall have an inspection tag indicating the same attached to the extinguisher.
- 5. All individuals utilizing any type of cooking equipment shall be trained in the proper use of a fire extinguisher.
- 6. All commercial cooking equipment located inside a trailer or fully-enclosed booth constructed of permanent materials shall be provided with an approved automatic fire extinguishing system that is UL 300 compliant. (Non-compliant units may be allowed to continue operation after inspection and approval by the AHJ)

Q. Health Inspections.

- 1. Any booth, trailer, tent, or canopy serving food shall have an inspection performed by the Milford Health Officer prior to opening for a special event.
- 2. All food service concessions shall comply with the State of NH HeP- 2300, Food Service Protection Rules.

R. Portable Restrooms.

1. Portable bathroom facilities shall be provided in accordance with the Portable Sanitation Associations Special Event Chart.

S. Electrical Requirements.

- 1. All electrical installations shall meet the requirements of the most current adopted editions of the National Electrical Code (NFPA 70)and the NH State Fire Code, (NFPA 1)
- 2. An electrical permit shall be obtained by a New Hampshire licensed electrical corporation or Master electrician licensed in the State of New Hampshire from the Community Development Office (Building Dept.) a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled event. The master electrician of record shall be present for event pre-inspections.
- 3. Temporary event specific electrical installations shall comply with the requirements of the National Electrical Code, Articles 518, 520, 525, and 590.
- 4. When applicable, the electrician of record or the event coordinator shall supply a floor plan with a wiring schematic that shall include portable power distribution panel location(s), flexible cord locations and lengths, and locations of multi-appliance distribution centers.
- 5. GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter) protection shall be provided when applicable in accordance with the National Electrical Code.
- 6. All extension cords shall be appropriately sized for the intended use. Extension cords shall be a minimum 14-gauge and grounded. The use of light weight extension cords less than 14-gauge or "zip cords" is strictly prohibited.
- 7. All extension cords that are run within a means of egress or public way shall be secured and protected using an approved means, such as treadle, "yellow jackets", or trenches.
- 9. Extension cords shall serve only one appliance or fixture, unless appropriately sized and in conjunction with an approved multi-appliance distribution center with overload protection. The current capacity of the supply cord shall be not less than the rated capacity of the appliance(s) or fixture(s).
- 10. Only UL-listed overload protected power distribution strips may be used for additional outlets.
- 11. Power distribution strips connected in series "daisy-chained" are prohibited.
- 12. Cube Taps, "Y" Taps & "W" Taps are permitted, when approved by the event electrician, to supply electricity to a maximum of 3 electronic appliances and when connected directly or by a single extension cord to an approved power distribution strip. The combined amperage usage shall not exceed the rating of the tap adapter, extension cord or power distribution strip.

13. Portable generators shall be located five (5) feet or greater from booths, trailers, tents, and canopies in accordance with the NH State Fire Code, NFPA 1 Chapter 25, Section 25.1.12.1.

VII. <u>Indoor Special Events</u>

- A. Permit Required: A Special Event Permit shall be obtained from the Milford Fire Department in accordance with NH State Fire Code, NFPA 1.. It is required that the permit be applied for at least thirty (30) days prior to the special event.
- B. A floor plan for the indoor special event that shows such features as, but not limited to, aisle width, seating arrangement, stages, press risers, buffet tables, and bars, in accordance with the NH State Fire Code, NFPA 1 and 101 shall be submitted the Milford Fire Department for review and approval a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled event.
- C. The Milford Fire Department will provide a minimum of one (1) trained crowd manager for every 250 persons in attendance at the indoor special event in accordance with the NH State Fire Code. Venues or organizers may use their own trained crowd managers provided they have completed a recognized crowd manager training program and have the approval of the Fire Chief.
- D. These requirements also apply to tents used for indoor special events.
- E. All pipes and drapes shall have a certificate of flame resistance or affidavit provided for review and approval. All pipes and drapes shall be secured to prevent tipping.
- F. Aisle Width The following minimum aisle widths shall be maintained in accordance with the NH State Fire Code, NFPA 1 and 101.
 - 1. The width of aisles serving seating at tables shall be no less than 44" in areas serving 50 persons or more and 36" in areas serving 50 persons or less.
 - 2. Aisle widths may be required to be increased based upon the type of event and occupant load.
- 3. Where non-fixed seating is located between the table and the aisle, there shall be a minimum of 19" of clear space from back of chair to back of chair.
 - 4. With standard seating, the spacing from the back of the chair to the front of the most forward facing projection of the chair immediately behind shall be no less than 12" and increased 0.3" for every seat over 14.

G. Non-fixed seating (folding) chairs requirements

1. All non-fixed seating (folding) chairs shall be firmly secured together in groups of no less than three (3) and no more than seven (7). The chairs shall be secured at both the top and the bottom by either industrial tie wraps or other approved means.

- 2. There shall be no more than 100 chairs in a row and there shall be a minimum aisle width of 22" from the back of the chair to the front of the most forward facing projection of the chair immediately behind.
- **H.** Indoor special event festival seating is limited to 250 persons unless a life safety evaluation has been performed by an independent third party fire protection engineer and approved by the Milford Fire Department.
- **I.** the Milford Fire Department requires that the facility hosting the event provides an approved means to determine the occupant load at the event.
- **J.** The use of theatrical haze, fog, or smoke machines is not permitted unless approved in advance by the Milford Fire Department.
- **K.** The use of pyrotechnics is not permitted unless permits and approvals have been obtained from the NH State Fire Marshall's Office in accordance with the NH State Fire Code.

L. Health Inspections.

- 1. Any booth, trailer, tent, or canopy serving food shall have an inspection performed by the Milford Health Officer prior to opening for a special event.
- 2. All food service concessions shall comply with the State of NH HeP- 2300, Food Service Protection Rules.

M. Portable Restrooms.

1. Portable bathroom facilities shall be required in accordance with the Portable Sanitation Associations Special Event Chart when fixed facilities may exceed their rated capacity.

N. Electrical Requirements.

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- 9. Extension cords shall serve only one appliance or fixture, unless appropriately sized and in conjunction with an approved multi-appliance distribution center with overload protection. The current capacity of the supply cord shall be not less than the rated capacity of the appliance(s) or fixture(s).
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- 12. Cube Taps, "Y" Taps & "W" Taps are permitted, when approved by the event electrician, to supply electricity to a maximum of 3 electronic appliances and when connected directly or by a single extension cord to an approved power distribution strip. The combined amperage usage shall not exceed the rating of the tap adapter, extension cord or power distribution strip.

VIII. Permits

The attached "Application for Special Event Permit" and required documents and plans shall be filled out in its entirety and submitted to the Milford Fire Department for review and approval a minimum of Thirty (30) days prior to the special event.



APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT

Date of Application:	Event Date & Hours:
Event Location:	
Anticipated number of attendees:	
Set up Time:	Clean up Time:
Activity & Title of Event:	
Sponsored By:	
Organizers/Contacts: Name:	Home Phone #:
Work Phone #:	_Email:
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City, State, Zip Code:	
Secondary Contact:: Name:	Home Phone #:
Work Phone #:	Email:
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* *	structures exceeding 400 square feet:
Number of Food Concessions and/or Food Please attach a copy of the certife Please attach a copy of the engin	•

Please attach 2 copies of the floor and site plans if applicable.

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT I have received and read a copy of the Town of Milford Requirements for Special Events document and understand I am responsible for compliance with the Towns Requirements. Signature Date

TOWN OF MILFORD BUILDING & CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE One Union Square, Milford

One Union Square, Milford (603) 249-0620



ELECTRICAL PERMIT / APPLICATION

Please print legibly or type all information

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** Applicant must be a licensed Master Electrician or residing property owner

*** Plans must be submitted for all commercial permits (Engineering may be required)

24 HOUR NOTICE REQUIRED FOR ALL INSPECTIONS



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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Milford Police Department Application for Special Event Permit

Milford Police Department 19 Garden Street Milford, NH 03055-4304 (603) 673-7742

Fax (603) 672-6025 www.milford.nh.gov Fred Douglas, Chief of Police

(603) 673-7742	Date of Application:						
ax (603) 672-6025	Event Dates & Hours:						
w.milford.nh.gov Event Location:							
las, Chief of Police	Anticipated Number of Attendees:						
	Start Time: End Time:						
	Activity & Title of Event:						
	Request for Security or Traffic Control (check one) Sponsored By:						
	Organizers/Contacts: Name: Home Phone #:						
	Work Phone #: Cell Phone #:						
	Address:						
	City, State, Zip Code:						
	Secondary Contact: Name: Home Phone #:						
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EQUAL AND EXACT JUSTICE TO ALL

Date Officers Detailed: _____ Start Time: _____

Authorized by (Name/Rank):

Type of Service Required: Security _____ Traffic _____ (Check one)