
CHAPTER 73-3. TENT REGULATIONS

7.120. Purpose. The following regulations are herewith enacted to establish regulations regarding the temporary use of tents erected within the City of Frankenmuth in order to protect the health, safety and general welfare of its citizens and visitors alike.

7.121. Tent Use Regulations. All proposed uses for tents must be in compliance with Zoning Code regulations for the applicable Zoning District listed in Chapter 51 of Title V.

A. Uses for tents shall be limited to:

1. Private uses by the property owner or resident.
2. Miscellaneous business and public uses as follows:
 - a. Grand openings (one per business) & anniversaries.
3. Festivals, Special Events and/or Civic Events.
4. Chamber of Commerce functions.

B. Number of uses per property by Zoning District.

1. Agricultural & Residential Zoning Districts - Up to seven (7) days each calendar year and private uses only.
Note: Because tent requests for City parks shall be reviewed by the Parks & Recreation Commission and the City Council, such requests are not subject to only seven (7) days per calendar year.
2. Commercial & Industrial Zoning Districts - Up to thirty (30) days each calendar year.

C. Site preparation & clean-up.

1. Upon receiving a permit, tents may be erected two (2) days prior to the approved use and must be dismantled and removed from the property no more than two (2) days after the approved use.

7.122. Tent Permit Required. A permit is required to erect any tent within the City of Frankenmuth according to the following:

A. Districts Allowed.

1. Agricultural & Residential Zoning Districts.
 - a. Any tent which is located in the front yard more than three (3) days.
 - b. Any tent larger than 800 square feet.
2. Commercial & Industrial Zoning Districts.
 - a. All tents.

B. Tents regulated by this Chapter shall not be erected until an approved permit has been issued.

7.123. Tent Permit Application. An application for a tent permit shall contain the following:

- A. Name and Address of Business or organization.
- B. A site plan or sketch of the proposed location on the property.
- C. The proposed use and the specific reason(s) for the request.
- D. The date(s) the tent is to be used.
- E. Applicant's and property owner's signatures.

7.124. Tent Permit Review and Approval.

1. Administrative Review and Approval. The City Manager and Zoning Administrator may review and approve all tent permit applications which are in compliance with these regulations.
2. City Council Review and Approval. The City Council shall review and approve tent permit applications when the following occur:
 - a. The City Manager and Zoning Administrator defer approval to the City Council.

- b. The tent permit request does not comply with adopted tent regulations. In such cases, the Council shall review the matter on a case by case basis and may grant exceptions to this regulation based on the permit applicant's demonstration whereby compliance would cause undue hardship or a practical difficulty.
- c. The applicant is appealing a permit denial as a result of an administrative review.

7.125. Tent Permit Fees. Fees for tent permits shall be established by resolution of the City Council from time to time.

7.126. Penalty. Violation of this Chapter is hereby designated a municipal civil infraction and a civil fine in an amount not to exceed \$500.00 plus costs shall be paid by a defendant who is found responsible for each such violation. Violators shall also be subject to sanctions, remedies and procedures as set forth in Chapter 6 of this City Code and Act No. 236 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1961, as amended.

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