

# Gila River Fire Department



## GUIDELINES FOR FOOD VENDORS WITH TENTS, CANOPIES, STRUCTURE MEMBRANES

Per 2003 International Fire Code and Title 21 Fire and Life Safety Ordinance

**2404.5 Combustible materials.** Hay, straw, shavings or similar combustible materials shall not be located within any tent, canopy or membrane structure containing an assembly occupancy, except the materials necessary for the daily feeding and care of animals. Sawdust and shavings utilized for a public performance or exhibit shall not be prohibited provided the sawdust and shavings are kept damp. Combustible materials shall not be permitted under stands or seats at any time. The areas within and adjacent to the tent or air-supported structure shall be maintained clear of all combustible materials or vegetation that could create a fire hazard within 20 feet (6096 mm) from the structure. Combustible trash shall be removed at least once a day from the structure during the period the structure is occupied by the public.

**2404.7 Open or exposed flame.** Open flame or other devices emitting flame, fire or heat or any flammable or combustible liquids, gas, charcoal or other cooking device or any other unapproved devices shall not be permitted inside or located within 20 feet (6096 mm) of the tent, canopy or membrane structures while open to the public unless approved by the fire code official.

**2404.11 Clearance.** There shall be a minimum clearance of at least 3 feet (914 mm) between the fabric envelope and all contents located inside the tent or membrane structure.

**2404.12 Portable fire extinguishers.** Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided as required by Section 906.

*(Each cooking station should have no less than a 5lb ABC fire extinguisher/Class K extinguishers will be utilized for enclosed cooking trailers)*

**2404.15 Heating and cooking equipment.** Heating and cooking equipment shall be in accordance with this section.

**2404.15.1 Installation.** Heating or cooking equipment, tanks, piping, hoses, fittings, valves, tubing and other related components shall be installed as specified in the

*International Mechanical Code* and the *International Fuel Gas Code*, and shall be approved by the fire code official.

**2404.15.3 Location.** Cooking and heating equipment shall not be located within 10 feet (3048 mm) of exits or combustible materials.

**2404.15.4 Operations.** Operations such as warming of foods, cooking demonstrations and similar operations that use solid flammables, butane or other similar devices which do not pose an ignition hazard, shall be approved.

**2404.15.5 Cooking tents.** Tents where cooking is performed shall be separated from other tents, canopies or membrane structures by a minimum of 20 feet (6096 mm).

**2404.15.6 Outdoor cooking.** Outdoor cooking that produces sparks or grease-laden vapors shall not be performed within 20 feet (6096 mm) from a tent, canopy or membrane structure.

**2404.15.7 Electrical heating and cooking equipment.** Electrical cooking and heating equipment shall comply with the *ICC Electrical Code*.

**2404.16 LP-gas.** The storage, handling and use of LP-gas and LP-gas equipment shall be in accordance with this section.

**2404.16.1 General.** LP-gas equipment such as tanks, piping, hoses, fittings, valves, tubing and other related components shall be approved and in accordance with Chapter 38 and with the *International Fuel Gas Code*.

**2404.16.2 Location of containers.** LP-gas containers shall be located outside. Safety release valves shall be pointed away from the tent, canopy or membrane structure.

**2404.16.2.1 Containers 500 gallons or less.** Portable LP-gas containers with a capacity of 500 gallons (1893 L) or less shall have a minimum separation between the container and structure not less than 10 feet (3048 mm).

**2404.16.2.2 Containers more than 500 gallons.** Portable LP-gas containers with a capacity of more than 500 gallons (1893 L) shall have a minimum separation between the container and structures not less than 25 feet (7620 mm).

**2404.16.3 Protection and security.** Portable LP-gas containers, piping, valves and fittings which are located outside and are being used to fuel equipment inside a tent, canopy or membrane structure shall be adequately protected to prevent tampering, damage by vehicles or other hazards and shall be located in an approved location. Portable LP-gas containers shall be securely fastened in place to prevent unauthorized movement.

**2404.17 Flammable and combustible liquids.** The storage of flammable and combustible liquids and the use of flammable- liquid-fueled equipment shall be in accordance with this section.

**2404.17.1 Use.** Flammable-liquid-fueled equipment shall not be used in tents, canopies or membrane structures.

**2404.17.2 Flammable and combustible liquid storage.** Flammable and combustible liquids shall be stored outside in an approved manner not less than 50 feet (15 240 mm) from tents, canopies or membrane structures. Storage shall be in accordance with Chapter 34.

**2404.17.3 Refueling.** Refueling shall be performed in an approved location not less than 20 feet (6096 mm) from tents, canopies or membrane structures.