



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT

## FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION

### **CARNIVAL & FAIRS PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

Appendix Chapter 1, section 105.6.4 of the Los Angeles County Fire Code states that permits required by the Fire Code shall be obtained from the fire code official. A operational permit is required to conduct a carnival or fair.

Location, Access and Parking Location of tents, canopies, temporary membrane structures, fire access roads, parking of automobiles and locations of other internal combustion engines shall comply with Article 32. Access roads shall have an unobstructed width of not less than 20 feet (6096mm) and an unobstructed vertical clearance clear to the sky.

Fire Appliances Fire appliances shall be provided for the entire midway, as required by the chief. Maximum travel distance to a portable fire extinguisher shall not exceed 75 feet (22860mm).

Electrical Equipment Electrical equipment and installations shall comply with the Electrical Code.

Concession Stands Concession stands used for cooking shall have a minimum 10 feet (3048mm) clearance on two sides and shall not be located within 10 feet (3048mm) of amusement rides or devices. Concession stands shall be inspected by the Fire Department prior to opening. All gas-operated appliances used for cooking shall be UL listed. Gas operated appliances may be used under the following conditions: 1) Canopies and tents under which cooking is conducted shall meet the standards of Title 19, CCR, Chapter 8, for flame retardancy, 2) Sides and rear of tents shall be raised 6 inches (152.4mm) to 12 inches (304.8mm) above ground level to facilitate ventilation, 3) All cooking appliances shall have a UL or AGA approved fuel shut-off safety device which operates in the event the cooking flame is extinguished, 4) All Fuel cylinders, tanks and containers shall be located outside the concession stands and secured to prevent tipping over, 5) Provide a minimum of one 2A10BC portable fire extinguisher within 30 feet (9144mm) of cooking areas. (Provide one 40BC portable fire extinguisher where deep-fat fryers are used.), 6) All weeds, grass, brush, trash and other combustibles shall be kept not less than 10 feet (3048mm) from LP-gas tanks or containers.

Internal Combustion Engines Fuel tanks shall be of adequate capacity to permit uninterrupted operation during normal operating hours. Refueling shall be conducted only when ride is not in use. Internal combustion engines shall be isolated from contact with the public by physical guards, fencing or an enclosure. A minimum of one 2A10BC portable fire extinguisher shall be provided.

Tents and Canopies An operational permit is required to operate an air-supported temporary membrane structure or a tent having an area in excess of 200 square feet (19 m<sup>2</sup>), or a canopy in excess of 400 square feet (37 m<sup>2</sup>).

Provide the Fire Department a letter of description outlining in detail your proposed fair/festival. Provide a plot plan of the event and indicate on the plan the locations and dimensions of the following: all concession stands, all public rides (denote electrical or gasoline operated), all tent locations (tent locations shall comply with Article 32), generators, flammable and/or combustible liquid storage, Fire Department access to within 150 feet (45.72m) of all tents, concession stands and structures, fencing and barricades.

The determination for requiring a Fire Safety Officer will be made upon reviewing the plot plans, event location and projected public attendance.

Additional permits may be required from other agencies including local Building & Safety Departments, and Cal-OSHA for temporary amusement rides. Additional permits from the Fire Department may be required for public assembly and LP-gas use.

Additional Requirements \_\_\_\_\_

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