




**COLORADO SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**Division of the Fire Marshal**  
**Administrative Ruling**



<b>Number:</b>	2019-2		
<b>Subject:</b>	Permit Requirements for Temporary Tents and Membrane Structures		
<b>Reference:</b>	2015 International Fire Code, Section 3103.2		
<b>Effective Date:</b>	05/20/2019	<b>Issued By:</b>	Steve Smith, Fire Protection Engineer II
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<b>Approval Date:</b>	05/20/2019	<b>Approved By:</b>	Brett T. Lacey, Fire Marshal 

**PURPOSE:** To correct the size of temporary tents and membrane structures that require permitting and approval.

**SCOPE:** This applies to all temporary tents and membrane structures as they pertain to Chapter 31 of the 2015 International Fire Code.

**DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE:** As the code is written, any temporary tent or membrane structure greater than 400 square feet requires a permit. Traditionally, the square footage requiring permitting has been amended to 2400 square feet. During the last code adoption process, this amendment was inadvertently overlooked.

**DECISION:** Tents and membrane structures having an area in excess of 2400 square feet shall not be erected, operated or maintained for any purpose without first obtaining a permit and approval from the *fire code official*.