




COLORADO SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT
Division of the Fire Marshal
Administrative Ruling



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