



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SECTION 21.8 OF THE DULUTH CITY CODE RELATED TO TENTS AND CANOPIES

CITY PROPOSAL:

The city of Duluth does ordain:

Section 1. That Section 21.8 of the Duluth City Code, 1959, as amended, be established as follows:

Sec. 21.8. Tents and membrane structures - permit and approval required.

- a. The following definitions of the 2015 Minnesota State Fire Code shall apply:
 1. Air-inflated structure. A structure that uses air-pressurized membrane beams, arches or other elements to enclose space. Occupants of such a structure do not occupy the pressurized areas used to support the structure.
 2. Air-supported structure. A structure wherein the shape of the structure is attained by air pressure, and occupants of the structure are within the elevated pressure area. Air-supported structures are of two basic types:
 - a. Double skin. Similar to a single skin, but with an attached liner that is separated from the outer skin and provides an airspace which serves for insulation.
 - b. Single skin. Where there is only the single outer skin and the air pressure is directly against that skin.
 3. Membrane Structure. An air-inflated, air-supported, cable or frame-covered structure as defined by the Minnesota Building Code and not otherwise defined as a tent.
 4. Tent. A structure, enclosure or shelter, with or without sidewalls or drops, constructed of fabric or pliable material supported by any manner except by air or the contents that it protects.
- b. All tents and membrane structures shall comply with Chapter 31 of the Minnesota State Fire Code and this code.
- c. Tents and membrane structures having an area in excess of 400 square feet shall not be erected, operated or maintained for any purpose without first obtaining a permit and approval from the fire marshal.
- d. Permit applications shall be made on a form created and provided by the fire marshal. The fire marshal may require an on-site inspection.
- e. No smoking shall be allowed in any temporary membrane structure or tent.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect 30 days after passage and publication.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This ordinance implements an inspection and permitting requirement for tents and canopies. The detailed regulations and exceptions are found in Chapter 31 of the 2015 Minnesota State Fire Code (attached).