



CITY OF LIMA, OHIO

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Policy for Erecting Tents

- Effective May 11, 2016, a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for the erection, use and occupancy of tents or temporary structures will be required, pursuant to provisions of Section 3103 of the Ohio Building Code, unless the tent meets one of the following exceptions.
 - One Temporary Certificate of Occupancy will be issued to include multiple tents erected for a single event, as long as all tents are erected at one address.
 - Tents erected on residential properties designed for less than four families are exempt from these regulations.
 - Tents used for recreational camping are exempt from approval.
 - Tents or membrane structures of 400 square feet or less are exempt from approval.
 - Multiple tents or membrane structures with an aggregate area of 400 square feet or less separated from adjacent tents by at least 12 feet are exempt from approval.
 - Tents 700 square feet or less that are open on all sides and are more than 12 feet from other tents are exempt from approval.
 - Multiple tents open on all sides and placed side by side with an aggregate area of 700 square feet or less separated from adjacent tents by at least 12 feet from other tents or structures are exempt from approval.

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