

CITY OF HENDERSON FIRE SAFETY GUIDELINE

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TITLE: CHRISTMAS TREE LOTS OR STORAGE

PURPOSE:

This guideline is to establish the following minimum requirements to be met prior to the Henderson Building and Fire Safety Department granting approval to operate a Christmas Tree sales or storage lot within the City of Henderson.

REFERENCE: 2021 IFC, as amended

RULES & REGULATIONS:

I. LOCATION:

- A. No Christmas Tree lot shall be located within twenty (20) feet of any building, structure, overhang or opening of any building open to the public. **(IFC § 323 Special Activity lots)**
- B. No Christmas Tree lot shall be located within fifty (50) feet of any motor vehicle fuel dispensing station.

II. ELECTRICAL:

All wiring shall be listed weatherproof, oil resistant, and scuff proof, of a type approved by the Department of Building and Fire Safety, Electrical Section.

III. FIRE EXTINGUISHING APPLIANCES: (IFC § 323.6.1)

The following criteria shall be met:

- A minimum two 2 ½ gallon water-type fire extinguisher shall be provided at an approved location for protection against incipient fires.

IV. NO SMOKING: (IFC § 323.6.3)

Smoking on any Christmas Tree lot is prohibited and shall be enforced by the owner or their agents.

“NO SMOKING” signs with 2-inch high letters on a contrasting background shall be posted at entrances to the special activity lot and to each aisle.

V. BURNING: (IFC § 323.6.4)

Open burning, such as a campfire, is prohibited on special activity lots.

VI. ACCESS:

Approved vehicle access for firefighting shall be provided. A clear and unobstructed access way, not less than twenty-four (24) feet in width, shall be provided for fire apparatus to within one hundred fifty (150) feet of all portions of the lot as measured along normal paths of travel. **(IFC§ 323.4.1 & 503.2.1 as amended)**

VII. FLAME-PROOFED/FLAME-PROOFING TREES:

- A. Trees sold commercially as being flame-proofed trees shall have affixed to them a tag listing the chemical used and certifying that the workmanship of the flame-proofing is in accordance with the directions as set forth by the manufacturer for application of the chemical used. Such tag shall be provided and affixed by the firm doing the flame-proofing.
- B. Flocking is not to be construed as meeting any requirement for flame-proofing.

VIII. CANOPIES AND TENTS:

- A. All canopies for storage, display and sale of Christmas trees shall be open, without sidewalls or drops on 75% or more of the perimeter. **(IFC § 105.6.24 & 105.5.49)**
- B. A separate Fire Safety Permit is required for all canopies over four hundred (400) square feet and tents over two hundred (200) square feet in size. **(IFC § 105.6.24 & 105.5.49)**
- C. Canopy or tent use shall not exceed one hundred eighty (180) days. **(IFC § 3103.5)**
- D. With regard to location, support ropes and guy-wires are to be considered part of the canopy or tent. **(IFC § 3103.8.2)**
- E. Canopy or tent location shall comply with the Fire Code.
- F. Canopies or tents shall be adequately roped, braced, and anchored to withstand the elements of weather against collapsing.
- G. Canopies or tents cannot be supported by the contents they protect.
- H. A minimum clearance of 12 feet to structures and other tents shall be maintained. **(IFC § 105.5.49(2.3) & 3103.8.6)**
- I. Generators shall be separated from tents, canopies, or membrane structures by a minimum of 20 feet and shall be isolated from contact with the public by fencing, enclosure, or other approved means. **(IFC § 3107.16)**
- J. No fireworks shall be used within 100 feet of any canopy or tent. **(IFC § 3107.5)**
- K. No open flame or any device emitting flame or fire or creating a glow capable of igniting combustible materials, shall be used within twenty (20) feet of any canopy or tent. **(IFC § 3107.4)**
- L. Means of egress and egress illumination for all tents, canopies or membrane structures shall be in accordance with. **(IFC § 3103.12)**

IX. FLAME-RETARDANT STANDARDS:

All canopies or tents shall comply with the following:

- A. All portions of the canopy or tent shall be of flame-retardant material or shall be made fire-retardant in an approved manner. Floor coverings, bunting, flammable decorations, or effects, including sawdust when used on floors or passageways, shall be made fire-retardant in an approved manner. **(IFC § 3104.2 & 3104.4)**
- B. An approved certification shall be retained on the premises indicating the following: **(IFC § 3104.3 & 3104.4)**
 - 1. Identification of canopy or tent size and fabric type.
 - 2. Date the canopy or tent and other flammable materials were last treated with flame-retardant solution.
 - 3. Trade name and type of solution utilized in flame-retardant treatment.
 - 4. Name of persons and/or firm treating materials.
 - 5. Name and address of canopy or tent owner.

X. PERSONNEL:

Qualified persons necessary to safeguard the premises shall be provided to ensure the safety of all patrons and to ensure compliance with the aforementioned requirements.
