To: All Temporary Event and/or Tent Permit Applicants Fr: Deputy Chief Tom Zotti, Wolfeboro Fire-Rescue Department

Re: Flame resistance of tents

Please be advised that the 2003 Edition NFPA 1 Uniform Fire Code as adopted by the State of New Hampshire Fire Code (Saf-C-6000) requires that <u>ALL</u> tents (regardless of size) be manufactured of flame resistant material (2003 UFC 25.2.2.1).

What this means is that all tents...including 10 x 10 "Easy-Ups," etc...must be certified as flame resistant with a tag affixed to the tent material. The tag must say the material meets the requirements of NFPA 701 or a similar standard. **Owners of tents without such a tag must provide documentation that the fabric has been treated with an approved product to render it flame resistant (2003 UFC 25.2.2.2).** Owners or operators should be prepared to provide this documentation to any Fire-Rescue Department representative.

Tarps or other material held up by poles, stakes and/or a frame are defined as tents under the code and the material must comply.

Also, cooking equipment in a tent must meet the requirements of NFPA 96, Standard for Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations (2003 UFC 25.1.11).

Please contact Audrey Cline, Code Enforcement Officer for permitting and any other requirements that may apply.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

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