



WILL COUNTY LAND USE DEPARTMENT
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BUILDING DIVISION – TEMPORARY EVENTS

Plans and Construction shall comply with the following adopted codes:

1997 Illinois Accessibility Code
2014 Illinois State Plumbing Code
2011 National Electrical Code
2012 International Building, Mechanical, Fuel Gas, Fire Codes
2014 Will County Ordinances
2015 International Energy Conservation Code

Each temporary event is unique. The following is a general list of requirements that temporary events must comply with. Additional requirements may be necessary upon review by the Building Division.

1. All facilities and activities shall comply with the adopted codes listed at the top of this page. It is the permit holder's responsibility to be aware of winds, rain, and lightning and to provide evacuation directions if necessary.
2. An inspection shall be performed by the Building Division prior to commencing events.
3. Compliance with the Illinois Accessibility Code's accessible parking provisions is required.
4. Total number of accessible and regular toileting and hand washing facility units shall be based upon Appendix A 890, Table B, of the 2014 Illinois State Plumbing Code.
5. Written approval from the Will County Health Department is required. (*Section: 107.1, Will County Building Code 150.008*)
6. Written approval from the local fire protection district is required. (*Section: 107.1, Will County Building Code 150.008*)
7. Written approval from the local road authority is required. (*Section: 107.1, Will County Building Code 150.008*)
8. Portable fire extinguishing equipment shall be furnished and maintained including one rated fire extinguisher for every 3,000 sf of floor area with maximum 75 feet travel distance (IFC 906); review potential additional requirements with the local fire protection district.
9. Any inflatable attractions shall be adequately roped, braced, and anchored to withstand the elements of weather and prevent against uplift and collapse. The operator of the bounce house must meet compliance with the State of Illinois Amusement Ride and Attraction Safety Act (430 ILCS 85/)
10. All special amusement occupancies/haunted house/scare house/maze shall meet the requirements of the 2012 International Fire Code:

- a. Definition: Special Amusement Building: a building that is temporary, permanent, or mobile that contains a device or system that conveys passengers or provides a walkway along, around, or over a course in any direction as a form of amusement arranged so that the egress path is not readily apparent due to visual or audio distractions or an intentionally confounded egress path, or is not readily available because of the mode of conveyance through the building or structure.
- b. IFC 914.7: Special amusement buildings shall be equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with 903.3.1.1; exception: automatic sprinklers are not required where total floor area of a temporary special amusement is less than 1,000 sf and travel distance from any point to an exit is less than 50 feet. Provide a plan indicating that the above has been met.
- c. IFC 914.7.2: Special amusement buildings shall be equipped with an automatic smoke detection system (907.2.12).
- d. An emergency voice/alarm communication system shall be installed in accordance with 907.2.12.2 and NFPA 72.
- e. The minimum width of aisles shall not be less than 36 inches clear of all obstructions (maximum 180 occupants).
- f. At each location where there is a change in direction, a minimum clear turning space 60 inches in diameter or T-shaped space is required.
- g. Exit signs and emergency lighting shall be maintained during operations.
- h. Highly flammable materials such as cotton batting, straw, dried plant material, plastics, etc. shall not be used for decorations or construction. Interior finish shall be Class A in accordance with section IBC 803.1 (Flame Spread 0-25; smoke developed 0-450).
- i. All wiring and electrical appliances must comply with the 2011 National Electric Code; the electrician needs to comply with the contractor licensing, registration, and bonding requirements as required by Will County Land Use.

11. All temporary structures shall comply with Section 3013 of the 2012 IBC; any tents shall comply with Chapter 31 of the 2012 IFC. *All tents larger than 400 square feet shall not be erected, operated, or maintained for any purpose without first obtaining a temporary building permit (IFC 3103.2)*

- a. Provide a flame resistant certification for tent fabric; fabric certification shall identify:
- b. Names and address of the owners of the tent.
- c. Date the fabric was last treated with flame resistant solution.
- d. Trade name or kind of chemical used in treatment.
- e. Name of person or firm treating the material.
- f. Name of testing agency and test standard by which the fabric was tested (NFPA 701)
- g. If temporary electrical lights or receptacles are proposed, submit a plan of fixture locations, supply source, and overhead clearances. The electrician needs to comply with the contractor licensing, registration, and bonding requirements as required by the Building Official and Will County Land Use.
- h. Call J.U.L.I.E. prior to driving stakes at 1-800-892-0123.
- i. Tents, canopies, or membrane structures and their appurtenances shall be adequately roped, braced, and anchored to withstand the elements of weather and prevent against collapsing. Documentation of structural stability shall be furnished.

- j. All tents shall conform to the means of egress requirements of IBC Chapter 10 and shall have an exit access travel distance of 100 feet or less.
- k. Many of the tent manufacturer's often indicate that tents should not be occupied when winds are greater than 40 mph and/or if there is rain or lightening. It is the permit holder's responsibility to be aware of the usage recommendations and to provide evacuation directions, if necessary.

12. Exits should be clearly marked; exit signs shall be installed at required exit doorways and where otherwise necessary to indicate clearly the direction of egress. All exiting shall meet compliance with Chapter 10 – Means of Egress of the 2012 IBC including, but not limited to:

- a. Code calculated occupant load shall be determined by Table 1004.1.2. ii. The required egress width shall be determined by calculating the occupant load served by such a component by a means of egress capacity of .2 inch per occupant.
- b. *Table 1021.2(2)* A minimum of two exits is required from a space; one exit would be permissible with a maximum load of 49 occupants and minimum 75 feet travel distance.
- c. *1008.1.9:* All doors shall be readily openable from the egress side without the use of a key or special knowledge or effort
- d. *1008.1.2:* Egress doors shall be of the pivoted or side-hinged swinging type; doors shall swing in the direction of egress travel where serving an occupant load of 50 or more persons.
- e. *Table 1016.2:* In assembly occupancy, the maximum travel distance without a sprinkler system is 200 feet.