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## **Open Flame in Place of Public Assembly Use of Grills (Charcoal or Propane) and Tent Heaters**

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.7(a) 3.v., a "Type I Open Flame in Place of Public Assembly Permit" shall be obtained from the Fire Official for the use of a grill or grills, regardless of fuel type, propane powered tent heaters in connection with a public assembly, or the use of open flame device(s) in a theatrical performance. The procedures are as follows:

### **Administrative Requirements**

- 1) Permits will not be granted unless a completed application and payment of the application fee is brought to the offices of the Department of Emergency and Safety Services during normal businesses hours, at least two (2) business days prior to the commencement of the event. *(N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.7(b)).*
- 2) For the purposes of this policy, "completed application" shall include all plans, drawings, and other information requested on the application form. If the applicant is someone other than a representative of the property owner, a letter from the property owner authorizing the applicant to perform the permitted function is required to be included with the initial application. (Sample letter attached).
- 3) A permit application will be not accepted unless the permit fee in the form of cash or check or credit card payment is provided. *(N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.7(i))*
- 4) The permit is granted per event. *(N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.7(g))*
- 5) A separate permit is required for each individual grill when separated from other grills by more than 5 feet horizontally.
- 6) The applicant shall specify a date and time requested for inspection on the application form. No permit will be issued until such time as an inspection is completed. *(N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.7(c)).*
- 7) The firing or use of a propane or charcoal grill or propane powered tent heater prior to an inspection shall constitute a violation of the code and the operator shall be subject to penalty *(N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.12(b)7.i.*

### **Technical Requirements**

- 1) All grills shall be located a minimum of 5 feet from any building, building overhang, or tent;
- 2) LP-Gas (propane) grills shall comply with the following:
  - a. Propane cylinders are required to be at least 5 feet from any cooking appliance;
  - b. Propane cylinders shall be secured in place to prevent falling over;
  - c. Propane cylinders shall be protected to prevent tampering by providing a secure area a minimum of 5 feet away from cylinders and cooking appliances.
  - d. Propane cylinders shall be located in accordance with Table 3804.3 of the International Fire Code, 2006 (NJ Ed.) in respect to buildings, property lines and other propane cylinders.

**NOTE: If any portion of propane tank/appliance setup is found to be leaking, the tank shall be disconnected from the appliance and removed from use. This shall constitute failed inspection and no permit for the setup/appliance shall be issued.**