

**WOOSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT
DEPARTMENTAL OPERATING GUIDELINES**

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REQUIREMENT FOR KETTLE CORN OPERATIONS

PURPOSE

To outline the requirements for Kettle Corn operations under a tent or canopy, at the Wayne County Fair, street fairs and other special events.

SCOPE

The Ohio Administrative Code Section 1301:7-7-20 (B)(2); OFC FM-2002.2 provides, "Gasoline, gas, charcoal, or other cooking device or any other unapproved open flame shall not be permitted inside or located within 20 feet (6096mm) of the tent or air-supported structure unless prior approval has been obtained from the fire official."

Therefore, to obtain approval in the City of Wooster for a Kettle Corn operation at Wayne County Fair, street fairs or other special events the following stipulations must be complied with. Any deviation from these stipulations or the provisions of the Ohio Fire Code will be cause for IMMEDIATE revocation of approval and the operation must cease.

REQUIREMENTS

1. All canvas, curtains, or side drops shall be rendered flame resistant. A certificate from the manufacturer that the material has been tested by a laboratory of recognized standing, and found to be permanently flame resistant in accordance with NFPA 701, shall be required. This certificate shall be kept on site at all times. The material shall have the proper identification markings and shall not have been waterproofed subsequent to the issuance of the certificate by a process that increases flammability. All materials shall be labeled with a number that corresponds to the certificate of flame resistance.
2. There must be a minimum clearance of at least twenty (20) feet from the tent and any other tent, building or structure.
3. There must be a minimum clearance of at least three (3) feet between the tent materials or combustible materials and the cooking device.
4. All LP gas containers shall be located outside the tent. Safety release valves shall be pointed away from the tent. All LP gas containers must be protected and securely fastened in place to prevent unauthorized movement.
5. At least one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating, or two portable fire extinguishers with a minimum 2-A rating, shall be provided in the tent. Additionally, at least one portable fire extinguisher with a class K rating shall be available for the cooking operation.
6. The open flame cooking device shall be substantially separated from public access and public seating.
7. The tent material shall be checked daily for accumulation of grease and any such accumulation shall be immediately removed.