



Lathrop-Manteca Fire District

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GUIDELINES FOR: Carnival Permits

CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE: ARTICLE 25, SECTION 2504

A carnival, by definition, requires a fire permit to operate. The following is copied from the Uniform Fire Code and are the restrictions placed on the permit. Applications are available at our office.

SECTION 2504 - OUTDOOR CARNIVALS AND FAIRS

2504.1 General. The grounds of carnivals and fairs, including concession booths, shall be in accordance with Section 2504.

2504.2 Grounds.

2504.2.1 General. Grounds shall be in accordance with Section 2504.2.

2504.2.2 Access. Fire apparatus access roads shall be provided in accordance with Section 3205. (Minimums, clear at all times, 20 feet wide, 13'6" clear vertical height, all-weather surface)

2504.2.3 Fire appliances.

2504.2.3.1 General. Fire appliances shall be provided for the entire midway, as required by the chief.

2504.2.3.2 Location. Maximum travel distance to a portable fire extinguisher shall not exceed 75 feet (22 860 mm).

2504.2.4 Electrical equipment. Electrical equipment and installations shall comply with the Electrical Code.

2504.3 Concession Stands.

2504.3.1 General. Concession stands shall be in accordance with Section 2504.3.

2504.3.2 Location. Concession stands utilized for cooking shall have a minimum of 10 feet (3048 mm) of clearance on two sides and shall not be located within 10 feet (3048 mm) of amusement rides or devices.

2504.3.3 Fire extinguishers. A 40-B:C-rated dry chemical fire extinguisher shall be provided where deep-fat fryers are used.

2504.4 Internal Combustion Power Sources.

2504.4.1 General. Internal combustion power sources, including motor vehicles, generators and similar equipment, shall be in accordance with Section 2504.4.

2504.4.2 Fueling. Fuel tanks shall be of adequate capacity to permit uninterrupted operation during normal operating hours.

Refueling shall be conducted only when the ride is not in use.

2504.4.3 Protection. Internal combustion power sources shall be isolated from contact with the public by either physical guards, fencing or an enclosure.

2504.4.4 Fire extinguishers. A minimum of one fire extinguisher with a rating of not less than 2-A:10-B:C shall be provided.

Plans should be submitted to the Lathrop-Manteca Fire District, Fire Prevention Bureau, located at 800 East J Street, Lathrop, California. An hourly fee will be charged for review of the plans.

A copy of the approved plans shall be maintained on the premise, along with the permit.

For information regarding these requirements contact:

Fire Prevention Bureau at (209) 858-2331 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.