



Outdoor Dining Tent Resource Guide (2021)

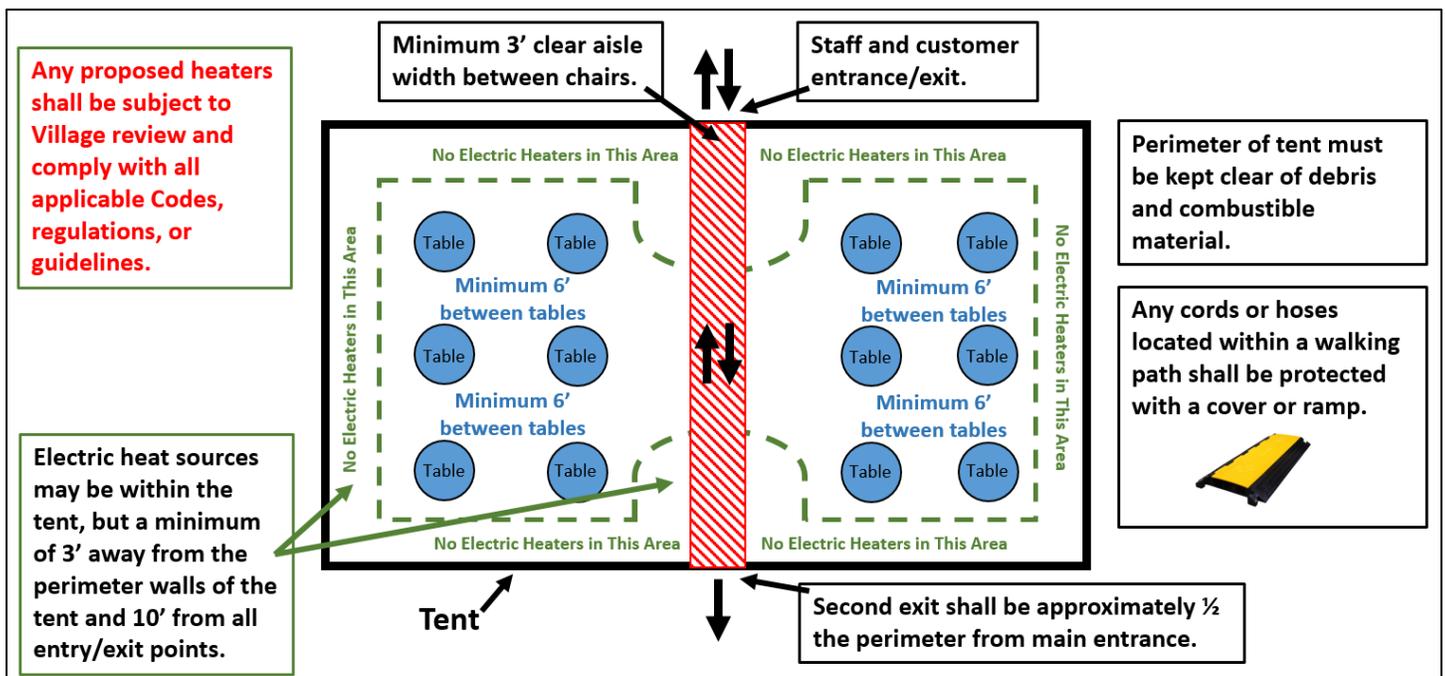
INTRODUCTION: The Village has developed this Outdoor Dining Tent Resource Guide to provide some guidance for restaurants looking to utilize outdoor dining tents within the applicable Restore Illinois Plan guidelines. To support local restaurants, the Village will review requests for outdoor dining tents without charging a fee, as well as review other plans or ideas to help winterize an outdoor dining area. Please note that any future changes to the Restore Illinois Plan, and associated guidelines, may impact your business operations and any associated outdoor dining area.

APPLICABLE CODES & GUIDELINES:

- ✓ 2017 National Electric Code
- ✓ 2015 International Fire Code
- ✓ Restore Illinois Guidelines from the Illinois Department of Public Health
- ✓ Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity Guidelines

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Restaurants that wish to utilize a temporary outdoor dining tent shall submit a tent application to the Village for review (which must comply with this Guide and all applicable Codes/guidelines).
- Any tent or related equipment shall be properly protected from any nearby vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
- All tents in excess of 200 square feet must have a permanent label specifying the size and fabric of the tent.
- Per the International Fire Code, there shall be no devices with open flames located inside a tent.
- No cooking is permitted within a tent and only an approved kitchen shall be used to prepare and cook food.
- The applicable Code requirements and Restore Illinois Plan guidelines shall be followed if doors, curtain coverings, or side walls will be used with a tent.
- Minimum widths and clearances, as illustrated below, shall be maintained at all times:



GENERAL REQUIREMENTS (continued):

- The number of any proposed heaters, types of heaters, and proposed location of any heaters must be indicated on a plan and submitted to the Village for review to ensure compliance with any applicable Codes/regulations.
- Ground mounted commercial grade electric heaters or electric tower heaters are permitted within a tent if they are installed per the manufacturer's instructions/specifications and proper clearances can be maintained.
- Other types of commercial grade electric heaters (such as turbo heaters) may be installed outside a tent. Any associated duct work must meet the manufacturer's instructions/specifications or use.
- Ceiling mounted or suspended heaters shall include an engineered design to confirm loads and support capacities.

ELECTRICAL GUIDELINES:

- All electrical cords must be in good condition and of proper size.
- All lighting and electrical devices must be UL listed (or equivalent) and be rated for use in "wet" locations.
- All outlets used to provide power to tents must be GFCI protected.

FIRE & SAFETY GUIDELINES:

- All exit, emergency lighting, and exit illumination needs to be clearly and securely in place.
- Fire extinguishers shall be installed, inspected, and readily accessible.
- There shall not be any type of hay, straw, shavings, or other similar combustible materials located within a tent. The areas around the tent must be kept clear of any combustible materials or vegetation.
- The use of tents or other temporary structures may be deemed unsafe and prohibited during extreme weather conditions (due to conditions such as wind, snow, etc.). Business owners are ultimately responsible for monitoring weather conditions and ensuring safety for their employees and customers.
- All tent roofs shall be pitched and properly maintained to prevent any snow accumulation.
- The business owner will be required to have a tent inspected on a monthly basis to determine that the tent's installation has been maintained per the manufacturer's instructions/specifications, as well as all applicable Codes and guidelines. A report of these inspections shall be provided to the Palatine Fire Prevention Division.