

City of Milford, Connecticut

Planning and Zoning Board

Section 5.18 (new)

Special Event/Temporary Tents

Special events and temporary tent sales of limited duration may be administratively approved in accordance with Article VII herein, except that no Planning and Zoning Board approval shall be necessary.

For the purpose of this section, special events and temporary tents shall include but not be limited to carnivals, festivals, tent sales, class reunions and the like. Temporary tents shall not include tents for overnight habitation or for use as a dwelling unit.

The following conditions shall apply:

1. The event shall last no more than 14 days. The applicant can set the tent up 48 hours prior to the event. The applicant has 48 hours after the event to remove the tent and storage trailer (if applicable).
2. A minimum of 30 days shall elapse between permits issued to the same applicant/entity.
3. A retail tent applicant/entity must be a permanent, existing tenant of the site where the tent sale is to be located.
4. It shall be prohibited to utilize a vacant lot for any temporary retail use either in a tent, or trailer, or other similar temporary structure or vehicle.
5. All applicants shall provide written proof that the proposed activity is approved by the property owner.
6. Each property is limited to two (2) tent events each calendar year. Requests for additional tent events will require a Special Permit approval from the Planning and Zoning Board.
7. A tent shall be no larger than 50 x 200 feet. The tent cannot occupy more than ten percent (10%) of the parking spaces and/or parking area. This ten percent (10%) also includes any storage trailer for the tent event.

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8. One temporary storage trailer is allowed for each tent event and shall be installed no earlier than the tent and shall be removed no later than the tent. The maximum ten percent (10%) parking space and/or parking area coverage shall include the storage trailer.
9. The Applicant is limited to one (1) tent per event.
10. Proposed Special events that do not conform to all conditions of Section 5.17 shall require a Special Permit and Site Plan Review before the Planning and Zoning board.

Review Standards

Tents shall be located in a place that does not impede the flow of traffic, or create a public nuisance or distraction to passing drivers. Approval of the location of the tent is at the discretion of the City Planner or the Assistant City Planner. Interdepartmental reviews shall be required prior to approval as needed, to insure that any public safety issues are addressed.

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