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OUTDOOR DINING / PORTABLE HEATING GUIDELINES

In compliance with the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code, the following are fire safety requirements and prohibitions related to the operation and storage of portable heating equipment (as it relates to 'Outdoor Dining') in the City of Asbury Park. This does not address open flame cooking devices, portable outdoor fireplaces, or the installation and maintenance of non-portable heating appliances.

Portable heating equipment (i.e. portable heaters) may be generally defined as portable, purpose-built equipment designed to safely warm the air in an enclosed area or open area in proximity to the heater.

Rules & Regulations

- The Fire Official or their designee shall have the authority to cease any unsafe operation that will contribute to the spread of fire, endanger any structure, or endanger the occupants. Unauthorized operations, or unapproved operations shall be subject to immediate corrective action that may result in fines, and penalties.
- **Portable heaters require a Type 1 Fire Permit.** Please visit <https://www.cityofasburypark.com/DocumentCenter/View/320/Fire-Permit-Application-PDF> to apply for a permit.
- **Portable heaters shall not be located beneath or within 5 feet of any combustible decorations, overhangs, awnings, sunshades or similar combustible attachments to buildings.** Open flames such as from candles, lanterns, kerosene heaters, and gas-fired heaters shall not be located on or near decorative material or similar combustible materials.
- Heaters must be installed and operated as listed, maintained as per manufacturer recommendations. A copy should be available for review at any time by the Fire Department.
- Heaters shall have a tilt or tip over switch that automatically shuts the source off, and must guard against contact to prevent accidental contact by person, or materials.
- Heaters shall not be stored or used inside of any occupancy when connected to the fuel gas container, inside of any tent, canopy or membrane structure or on exterior balconies or roofs. **Fuel shall not be stored within the interior of any structure, or near any location**

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near exit access doors, exits, stairways, or areas used or intended to be used as a means of egress.

- Portable heaters shall not be located within 5 feet of exits or exit discharges.
- Tent, Canopy & Membrane Structure Regulations Regarding Heating Devices:
 - Electrical heating and cooking equipment shall comply with Electrical Subcode in compliance with the Uniform Construction Code (appropriate UCC permits must be obtained).
 - Fuel is not to be stored within the tent, and shall follow above mentioned applicable standards.
 - Generators or other internal combustion sources shall be no less than 20 feet away from tent or membrane structure. This device shall be isolated from contact with the public by an approved barrier device.
 - As a reminder, tents/canopies are prohibited from being utilized in the public right-of-way at this time.

This office strongly recommends contacting our office to set up a site visit prior to the use of any devices, and to consult with the Asbury Park Bureau of Fire Prevention prior to any purchasing.

We thank you for your continued effort in keeping the community safe.

Yours in fire safety,

D. Kevin Keddy
Fire Chief
City of Asbury Park