

State Variance Required for Tents to remain Standing Longer than 30 Days

In Greenwood, we permit temporary structures (tents) for 60 days and those permits can be renewed every 60 days. The State of Indiana, however, only allows temporary membrane structures (tents) to remain erect for a period of 30 days. This conflict can be accommodated, however, by requesting a variance from the State of Indiana Department of Homeland Security. The code reference you would request a variance from is "Indiana Fire Code 2012 3103.5". Please see the copied text from the code section as well as the 675 IAC amendments below. The Indiana amendment reduces the period in which the tent may remain.

2012 Indiana Fire Code 3103.5 Use period. *Temporary tents, air-supported, air inflated or tensioned membrane structures shall not be erected for a period of more than 180 days within a 12-month period on a single premises.*

675 IAC 22-2.5-24 Chapter 31; tents and other membrane structures

Authority: IC 22-13-2-2

Affected: IC 22-12-7; IC 22-13; IC 22-14; IC 36-8-17 Sec. 24. *Chapter 31 is amended as follows: (a) Amend Section 3101.1 to delete the text and insert the following: Except as otherwise provided in Sections 3104.7, 3104.15.5, and 3104.15.6, tents and membrane structures having an area in excess of 400 square feet shall be in accordance with Chapter 31. (f) Amend Section 3103.5 to delete "180" and insert "thirty (30)".*

Therefore, for tents that are to remain standing for longer than 30 days, a variance must be obtained from the State of Indiana at <https://www.in.gov/dhs/boards-and-commissions/variances/>.

Thank you,

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