CITY OF STAUNTON
VIRGINIA
OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL

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The following shall be the minimum safety requirements as established by the Fire Marshal's Office. Exhibitors who will be participating in public events in the City of Staunton should direct any questions pertaining to Fire and Life Safety to the Fire Marshal's Office at (540) 332-3720.

1. All displays must incorporate an inline ground fault circuit interrupter. These are available at any local hardware supply store.
2. All wiring shall comply with the National Electrical Code and is subject to approval by the Electrical Inspector.
3. The use of lightweight electrical extension cords shall be prohibited. Only listed circuit breaker protected extension cords using 14-3 or larger wire shall be used. Any electrical cord, which runs through areas exposed to pedestrian traffic, shall be secured in place and protected as required by bridging.
4. Weather exposed wiring, connections, and junction boxes shall be waterproof.
5. Tents, canopies, air-supported, air-inflated or tensioned membrane structures shall maintain a minimum clearance of twelve (12) feet to all other structures.

   Exception: Those structures that are constructed of metal, flame retardant wood or have Certificates of Flame Resistance for fabric shall be allowed to maintain a minimum of six (6) foot clearance on all sides from other structures.

   Note: A certificate of flame resistance or other evidence of approval by a laboratory or recognized standards shall be provided. All tents or awning fabric may be required by the Fire Marshal to meet the requirements of the small-scale test contained in NFPA 701, "Standard Methods of Fire Test of Flame – Resistant Textile and Films."

6. There shall be no flame producing devices for cooking or lighting allowed under any non-protected structure or tent unless they are constructed of flame resistant materials or as approved by the Fire Marshal: subject to any additional safety requirements as required by the Fire Marshal.
7. Tents and awnings shall be adequately supported in accordance with the provisions as set forth in the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code.
8. Fireworks or unauthorized open flames shall be prohibited unless approved by the Fire Marshal.
9. Smoking shall not be permitted in tents or air supported structures. Approved "No Smoking" signs shall be conspicuously posted.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 332-3720.

Respectfully,

Perry W. Weller
Deputy Fire Marshal