

SUMMARY OF TENT REQUIREMENTS FOR EGRESS
COURT

(From Dec. 7, 2015 Meeting - Refer to Complete Minutes for Additional Information)

- Fire Code and Building Code require tents to have
 12' separation from a building or from other tents.
 - This is a clear dimension free of any obstructions such as guy ropes, plant beds, raised walls, etc.
- The tent needs to be open on the sides parallel to egress doors (path of egress) with no flaps or walls. This will facilitate egress from the exit doors through the court.
- Flaps or walls parallel to the direction of egress are permitted since this would not inhibit egress.
- The tent occupancy will not need to be added to the building occupancy as the tent will egress first.
- The tent will need to have a 7' clear height underneath to facilitate egress through the tent.
- Davits or tie downs will need to be flush with the paving surface so there are no trip hazards when the tent is not in place.
- A tent permit will be required to install a tent in the court if the tent exceeds 700 SF in area per exception #2 of OBC section 3103.1.2. The tent permit can be expedited if the GCCC decides to purchase the tent structure and the structure meets all the requirements of the egress court and section 3103.

PROPOSED TENT DESIGN

- 30'x45' tent (1,350 sq. ft.) to be used for temporary events only.
- Anchor covers to be flush with adjacent pavement when not in use.
- 12' clear dimensions shown are from anchors (approximately 1'-0" outside footprint of frame tent).
- No side walls to be installed along 45' long sides to provide egress through tent in the event of an emergency.
- Tent Clear Height to be 8'-0"

NOTE**

Based upon prior review by Columbus-Chief Building Official and Columbus-Division of Fire, the required egress width through the Arnold Plaza (egress court) is 53-feet, 9-inches. This is based on 20 of the 22 doors facilitating egress for meeting rooms and cafe at a fully open width of 32.25".

The proposed plan provides 55'-3".



