



PASADENA FIRE DEPARTMENT

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OUTDOOR DINING – TENT / PROPANE HEATER GUIDELINES

This information is being provided by the Pasadena Fire Department as a summary of the 2019 California Fire Code and has been adopted by City Ordinance as Title 14.28.010 of the Pasadena Municipal Code. The following guidelines are to be adhered to:

Tents, Canopies and Umbrellas

- There is no distinction between tents, canopies or umbrellas with or without walls, they are all the same according to the Fire Code, which means they all have to be properly weighted and fire resistive.
- Open flames of any kind (including cooking) must remain **20 feet** from the tent/ umbrella/canopy.
- “Mushroom Style” heaters may not be inside of the tent/umbrella/canopy and must be at least 10 feet away from the tent/umbrella/canopy.

Fire Extinguishers

- Must be a State Fire Marshal approved 2A:10BC extinguisher* (minimum) and placed every **75 feet** of foot travel. Extinguishers must be mounted to a post or pole at least **6 inches** from the ground, but no higher than **5 feet** above the ground.
Extinguishers must a State Fire Marshal approved tag, or if purchased from a home improvement store, a receipt must be taped to the outside of the device
- A Class K (Kitchen) fire extinguisher is required for deep fat frying

Electrical Heaters

- Electrical heaters may be permitted when installed and operated per the manufacturer’s specifications. Electrical cords must be covered using a cord ramp or other device to avoid trip hazards and/or heaters from tipping

Propane

- Propane storage must be outside in a secured enclosure and must have protection from vehicle intrusion if near a parking lot or alley
- Smoking is prohibited within **25 feet** of propane
- Propane cylinders and appliances need to be located outside and not closer than 10 feet from tents/umbrellas/canopies or canopies
- Ducted propane heating systems may be permitted when installed per the manufacturers specifications and may not obstruct exit pathways
- This list is only a general guideline. There may be other requirements and restrictions based on the proposed heater locations