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The following regulations must be kept in mind when adapting Food Service establishments to provide for outdoor table service in accordance with the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 35 and City Manager's Order implementing the Commonwealth's temporary Outdoor restaurant dining protocols in the City of Worcester Dated June 3, 2020.

Propane storage and Propane heaters for outdoor seating:

Any use or storage of more than 42 pound of propane (2 standard 20 pound grill sized tanks) requires a fuel storage permit from the Fire Prevention Division in accordance with 527 CMR 1.0-1.18.

Propane heaters may not be used inside/under tents.

Propane heaters must be used only in well-ventilated areas and away from combustible materials in accordance with 527 CMR 1.0-69.3.11.1 which includes the following:

Patio heaters shall be listed and used in accordance with their listing and manufacturer's instructions.

Patio heaters shall not be located within 5 feet of exits from an assembly occupancy (restaurant).

All membrane structures, tents and canopies shall be flame resistant in accordance with NFPA 701.

Seating, tables, enclosures and equipment shall be arraigned so as not to obstruct exits from the food service establishment or other nearby buildings. Clear egress paths shall extend to the public way.

No smoking shall be allowed in any tents or covered seating areas

Upon Resumption of indoor dining:

Non-porous barriers shall not be installed within buildings a height that is within 18" of the bottom of automatic sprinkler heads.

Non-porous membrane barriers shall be flame resistant in accordance with NFPA 701.

Seating, tables, enclosures and equipment shall be arraigned so as not to obstruct exits.

Doors required for fire separation may not held open in such a manner that they will not close automatically and latch upon activation of the building fire alarm system.

Temporary signage establishing One-Way circulation patterns to maintain Social Distancing must indicate that Emergency Exiting is allowed in the direction of required egress.