



## Temporary Tent or Stage Permit Application Instructions and Checklist

**All applications shall be submitted online via the Citizen Self Service portal. Refer to the attached documents for complete instructions. The following items shall be submitted (as applicable):**

Temporary Tent or Stage Permit Application Checklist (this form, completed)

A plot plan or site plan of the property showing complete locations of tents, stage locations, exits and entrances, parking and existing building locations (including dimensions for all).

Product information and structural details for temporary stage

If the City is the property owner, a Certificate of Insurance listing the City as additionally insured. Minimum amount of coverage is \$400,000.00.

Certificate of Flammability in compliance with NFPA 701 or applicable certificate or evidence

Written notice of approval of owner (If the City is the owner, attach a completed copy of the [Public Parks Space Application](#) from the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department.

Contact information for the installation company.

For enclosed tents, the following information shall also be provided:

On the plan, indicate a 10' wide area around the tents in which there are no buildings or combustibles stored.

If heated explain how, including fuel tank locations.

Indicate how power will be provided for exit signs and emergency lights, with battery backup.

Show the width of egress openings, aisle widths and exit access travel distance (not to exceed 100').

Fire extinguisher locations

**If any cooking is proposed under or within 10' of the temporary structure, the following conditions shall apply:**

1. Approved cooking in temporary structures shall last no more than 7 consecutive days
2. Cooking shall only be allowed in a stand-alone temporary structure that is at least 10 feet away from any other building or temporary structure. Only food service employees and or event staff will be allowed in any of the temporary cooking structure.
3. A 36" space shall be maintained between any surface of the cooking appliance(s) and any surface of the temporary structure.
4. All temporary structures containing cooking operations, regardless of their size, shall provide a certificate of flammability for that structure.
5. A minimum of one 6-liter class K fire extinguisher shall be provided per grease laden vapor producing appliance. (2 fryolators and 1 stove top will require 3 class K extinguishers)
6. A copy of any permit allowing cooking in temporary structures shall be available to be reviewed at the site upon request by the Fire Department or any building official.
7. All flammable gas cylinders shall be secured in their upright position located at least 36" away from cooking appliance(s). All appliances shall have a manual fuel shut off located at least 36" away from the cooking appliance(s).

\*These conditions do not apply to listed outdoor cooking equipment like grills that will not be used under or within 10' feet of any temporary structure.

\*A site inspection may be required for operation. Please allow 24 hour period of time between when your facilities are set up and when the event will occur so an inspection may be conducted.

**If any live entertainment, food or alcohol is proposed for the event, please contact the Business Licensing Division for the required license.**

**Review of this application will not begin until the permit payment is received. This is not a permit. Work may not commence until the permit is issued.**



## Permitting and Inspections Department

Dear Applicant,

Beginning March 19, 2018, all building permits shall be submitted online via the City of Portland's Citizen Self Service (CSS) portal. Online submission of permit applications will help to streamline the application intake process and will improve transparency for the permitting process. In order to submit an application, you will need to register with CSS using a valid e-mail address. Refer to the instructions on the Citizen Self Service homepage, or via the links at the bottom of this page. Please verify that you have selected the correct permit type and checklist and that you have compiled all the required drawings and documents before beginning the application process.

Please note that our format for application submissions has changed. All application documentation shall be compiled into two PDF files-- one file containing all drawing sheets and a second PDF file containing all supporting documentation. Refer to the Requirements for Electronic Submissions for specific instructions on how to prepare your application submission and to the appropriate checklist for required submission items. The review of your application will not begin until a complete application has been submitted and the permit fee has been paid in full. Work may not commence until the permit has been issued.

If you have questions, please contact the Permitting and Inspections Department at (207) 874-8703 or [permitting@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:permitting@portlandmaine.gov). Thank you in advance for your patience as we transition to a new and improved permitting system.

For more information:

[How to Apply for a Permit](#)

[How to Register with CSS](#)

[Permit Type Guide](#)

[Requirements for Electronic Submissions](#)

[Citizen Self Service](#)



Permitting and Inspections Department

## How to Apply for a Permit

All permit applications shall be submitted online through the City of Portland's [Citizen Self Service](#) (CSS) portal. Online submissions will streamline the application intake process and will allow for greater transparency for applicants during the permit review process. You will be able to view the progress of your permit application, pay invoices, resubmit files and request inspections through CSS. Before submitting an application, please read the instructions below:

1. To begin, review the [Permit Type Guide](#) to determine the appropriate permit type and work class for your project.
2. Once you have determined the correct permit type, refer to the corresponding submission checklist and instructions for that permit type.
3. Compile all the required drawings and documentation as listed on the checklist into two PDF files (one file containing all drawing sheets and one file for all supporting documentation).
4. Go to the [CSS website](#) to apply for your permit. If you have not registered with CSS, see the instructions for registering, [here](#).
5. Once you have logged in to CSS, go to Apply and select the correct permit type. For a full list of all permit types, select All, under Permits.
6. Select Apply, next to the correct permit type. This will take you to the online application form.
7. Complete the form. All fields with a red asterisk are required.
  - a. To add a location, click on the plus sign and search for the project address. If the address cannot be found in the search, go to the City's [Parcel Map Viewer](#), to find the correct parcel address (this may be different than your street address or mailing address. Please input a parcel address that is recognized by the system to avoid delays in the intake process). For the Search function, entering less in the Search box will return more results.
  - b. To add a Contact, click the plus sign under the appropriate contact type and search.
  - c. Complete all other relevant and required fields and click Next. Once you've completed all pages of the form, you will have the opportunity to review the information before submitting. Once submitted, you cannot change your application information.
8. After reviewing your application information, click Submit. You will receive an e-mail confirming receipt of your application.
9. Permitting staff will review your application for completeness. You will be notified via e-mail if any items are missing. Upload requested items via CSS Attachments.
10. When the application is complete, you will receive an e-mail directing you to CSS to pay your invoice.
11. Once payment is received, your permit will go into review.



## Requirements for Electronic Submissions

In order to ensure a timely review of the application, please read and follow the requirements below for all submissions:

- **Initial submission files shall be submitted via the Citizen Self Service portal. Before submitting an application, review [How to Apply for a Building Permit](#).**
- **Submissions should include two PDF files—one file containing all drawing sheets and one file containing all other supporting documents.** Only PDF files are acceptable for plan review. Files should be labeled either “Drawings” or “Documents” with the project address included in the file name.
- **Drawing files shall be bookmarked with names based on the drawing sheet number and name.** It is recommended to include a Category/Discipline letter (such as A for Architectural), a sheet number and a descriptive title (e.g., A1 Existing Exterior Elevation).
- **A graphic scale or a scale to reference shall be included on each drawing sheet.**
- **Plans prepared by a design professional shall include a Code Analysis sheet,** referencing the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code and Portland City Code, Chapter 10 – Fire Prevention and Protection, which includes NFPA 1, Fire Code and NFPA 101, Life Safety Code. Chapter 10 of the City Code can be viewed at:  
<http://www.portlandmaine.gov/citycode/chapter010.pdf>.
- **Submissions should include all required documents and drawings as listed on the appropriate Submission Checklist sheet specific to the type of work being performed.**
- **Corrections made by City of Portland plan reviewers will be available for the applicant to view by logging into CSS and selecting “eReviews”.**
- **Revisions submitted in response to plan review comments should be uploaded directly in eReview by logging into CSS, going to the permit record and selecting eReviews.**

For further information and to access PDF versions of this and other forms, visit the Permitting and Inspections Department online at <http://portlandmaine.gov/1728/Permitting-Inspections>.