

CHAPTER 16 – PUBLIC WAYS AND PLACES

ARTICLE 16.02. – PARKS AND RECREATION

DIVISION 2. – PARK RULES

Sec. 16.02.034. - Definitions.

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Canopy: A light roof-like structure, consisting of a fixed or movable frame covered with approved cloth or plastic, with the purpose of providing protection from sun and rain. In this chapter, it refers to temporarily erected structures for special events.

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Sec. 16.02.066. –Canopy Safety

- (a) Any individual who uses a canopy or similar structure on city property, including inside the Dripping Springs Ranch Park, at a city event, or at a city-sponsored event is required to properly anchor the canopy or similar structure. Any individual who does not properly secure their canopy or similar structure will not be allowed to erect or maintain a canopy or similar structure on city property or at a city event or city-sponsored event.
 - (1) Each 10’X10’ canopy leg shall have no less than 25 pounds anchoring each leg.
 - (2) Each 10’X20’ canopy shall have 50 pounds anchoring each leg.
 - (3) Other size canopies shall be properly anchored in proportion to the sizes and weights listed above or as otherwise directed by city staff.
- (b) At the direction of city staff, a canopy or similar structure, may be required to be removed and stored especially in the case of inclement weather conditions before, during, or after an event. Canopies shall be promptly and safely removed and stored upon direction by city staff.
- (c) All weights and canopy tie-downs shall be safely secured and shall:
 - (1) Be set-up and secured with appropriate weights at the same time;
 - (2) Avoid causing a tripping hazard;
 - (3) Avoid stretched out lines or cords;
 - (4) Ensure weights have soft edges;
 - (5) Be tethered with lines that are clearly visible;
 - (6) Have soft edges to avoid causing cuts and scrapes;
 - (7) Be securely attached; and
 - (8) Be on the ground and not above people’s heads.
- (d) Removal and Storage of Canopy. Removal of the the canopy and weights shall occur safely at the same time.
- (e) Allowed Canopy Weights
 - (1) Pre-Filled Cement or Duracast Canopy Weights: Pre-filled cement weights with pre-cut leg openings generally range for 5-10 pounds and are stackable.
 - (2) Cast Iron Weights: Cast iron weights convenient and generally range for 10-20 pounds per piece. These weights are stackable and easy to set-up and take down.

- (3) Buckets:
 - (A) Cement Filled:
 - i. Minimum 2.5-gallon bucket
 - ii. Filling an empty bucket with cement and tying this to each corner of the tent with a rope or cord.
 - iii. It is insufficient to place the bucket on the feet of the canopy.
 - (B) Water or sand Filled:
 - i. Minimum 3 gallon buckets.
 - ii. Weight between 24-40 pounds each depending on the fill.
- (4) PVC Cement-Filled Pipe - These canopy weights are capped and filled with cement and can be hung on the inside of canopy poles as long as it is secured so that it does not collide with a person and is below the height of people.
- (5) Sandbag Weights – Sandbag weights that are specially made for securing canopies and weigh at least 25 pounds filled with sand. These sandbag weights are vertical and can be strapped to the legs of the canopy.
- (6) Other types of weights approved by the Emergency Management Coordinator in writing.
- (f) Prohibited Canopy Weights
 - (1) One Gallon Water Jugs.
 - (2) Stakes.
 - (3) Tying.
 - (4) Sandbags – Sandbags that cannot be placed upright and securely tied to the tent or canopy should not be used.
 - (5) Cinder Blocks.
 - (6) Dilapidated, broken, or other unsafe weights.
- (g) A violation of this section constitutes an offense. A person who violates, causes, allows or permits a violation this section designated as an offense commits a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding \$500.00.