PURPOSE:

This policy is to clarify permit requirements for membrane structures such as hard framed canvas covered carport type structures. The policy identifies Fire Code requirements for structures erected for less than 180 days, building permit requirements for structures erected for 180 days or longer, and identifies setback requirements for planning division approval. The policy applies to all membrane structures defined in CBC Chapter 31, Special Construction, and shall include air-inflated or air supported structures, cable structures, noncombustible membrane structures, and tents.

POLICY:

The provisions of the California Building Code, Chapter 31, Section 3102, shall apply to membrane structures erected for a period of 180 days or longer. Those erected for shorter period of time shall comply with the applicable provisions of the Fire Code.

If erected for 180 days or longer a building permit is required. Structures shall be structurally designed and installed per their listing.

Setbacks from property lines shall be per the City of Santa Rosa zoning code for the type of occupancy proposed.

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