GWCC Basic Fire Code Regulations

The information listed below does not cover all ordinances and regulations contained in the International Fire Code (2018 Edition) and NFPA Life Safety Code® (2018 Edition), but is an outline of the basic rules, which apply to places of public assembly.

1. All drapes, curtains, table coverings and skirts, carpet or any materials used in exhibits must be flame retardant. All such material is subject to inspection and flame testing by the Fire Marshal.
2. Fire fighting and emergency equipment may not be hidden or obstructed, including fire extinguishers and fire hose cabinets, fire alarm pull stations and standpipes.
3. Crates; wooden or cardboard boxes, packing materials, etc., may not be stored in exhibit halls, meeting rooms, exit areas or behind exhibit booths.
4. Crate storage is the responsibility of the appropriate service contractor.
5. Only a one (1) day supply of operational and advertising material may be stored inside the exhibit.
6. Under no circumstances, including move-in and move-outs, will crate storage or equipment be permitted to obstruct emergency exits from any area of the building. This requirement will be strictly enforced.
7. Exhibitors must notify the Service Contractor and the Georgia World Congress Center Event Planner assigned to the show when planning to display a vehicle with a gasoline engine inside the facility. The following requirements will apply:
   - Maximum of a 1/8 of tank of gas
   - All fuel tank openings shall be locked and sealed in an approved manner to prevent the escape of vapors
   - At least one battery cable shall be removed from the batteries used to start the vehicle engine
   - The disconnected battery cable shall then be taped
   - Fueling or de-fueling of vehicles shall be prohibited in the facility
   - Vehicles shall not be moved during show hours
8. All electrical equipment must be UL approved.
9. All emergency exits, hallways and aisles leading from the building are to be kept clear and unobstructed.
10. The use of welding equipment, open flames or smoke-emitting materials as part of an exhibit is prohibited.
11. The use of liquefied petroleum gases inside the building is strictly prohibited. All appliances fired by natural gas must be approved by the GWCC Fire Marshal. The following requirements will apply:
    - Only one (1) container allowed per demonstration. If more than one required, the containers shall be separated a minimum of 20 feet
    - Containers shall be promptly removed from the building when the demonstration is terminated each day
    - A 10BC Fire extinguisher shall be provided at each location by the exhibitor
    - The Exhibiting Company must obtain approval from the GWCC Fire Marshal
12. NO curtains, drapes or decorations shall be hung in such manner as to cover any exit signs.
13. Artificial lighting such as lanterns and candles are prohibited.
14. Local jurisdiction prohibits the use of any temporary ceiling structures (hard panel, tent, fabric, etc.) to be displayed that is not protected by an approved sprinkler system.
15. Pyrotechnics displays are prohibited unless approved by the Georgia State Fire Marshal's Office and the GWCC Fire Marshal (application must be submitted for review and approval).
16. In order to utilize haze inside a building an application must be filed with the GWCC Event Planner. The haze liquid must be water based and the machine must be UL approved.
17. If your exhibit will have multiple levels or a ceiling of any kind, please consult the GWCC Fire Marshal and their regulations regarding these exhibits.

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