

SANDYSTON TOWNSHIP

MOBILE FOOD TRUCK OPERATIONS

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Subject: Requirements Ventilation Hoods and Suppression Systems in Mobile Enclosed Units (Food Trucks)

The State of New Jersey has updated the Uniform Fire Code, and in accordance with N.J.A.C 5:70-4.7(g) 3, effective July 1, 2018. All Mobile Food Trucks, where during their cooking operations produce grease laden vapors shall be equipped with a ventilating hood, duct, and automatic fire suppression system designed and installed in accordance with the applicable requirements of NFPA 96.

Definition:

Mobile enclosed unit A unit of closed construction designed to be driven or towed from place to place, which includes commercial cooking equipment producing grease-laden vapors and which allows for occupancy by the operator. Also known as "mobile canteen."

What this means to you as a Food Truck Operator is that as of the effective date ALL Fire Safety Permit approvals will be dependent on compliance with these regulations.

FOOD TRUCK REQUIREMENTS

- A current hood cleaning report must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event. Hoods need to be clean and free of excess grease accumulation. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 904.11.6.3, and N.F.P.A. 96. Excessive grease and residue buildup on kitchen exhaust systems, cleaning required.
- A Suppression System Inspection Report (Form NJFS 17A) showing that the system was serviced within the last 6 months must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event. The system must also be tagged by the company that performed the inspection. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 904.11.6.4.
- When deep fryers are present, a portable Class K fire extinguisher of a minimum 1.5gallon (6L) capacity will be mounted in the vehicle. In accordance with N.J.A.C 5:70-3, 904.11.5.2 (Depending on the size of your unit and operation more than one may be required.)
- All solid fuel cooking appliances, whether or not under a hood, with fireboxes 5 cubic feet (0.14 m3) or less in volume shall have a minimum 2.5gallon (9L) or two 1.5gallon (6L) Class "K" wet-chemical portable fire extinguishers located in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 904.11.5.
- A 2A:10B:C Rated Fire Extinguisher with current inspection tag will also be mounted in the vehicle and readily accessible to the operator.
- All Fire Extinguishers shall comply with NFPA 10/2002 and shall have a valid dated inspection tag, good for one year.
- All gas fittings must be tight and free from leaks; a leak test will be performed prior to the beginning of your operations. Do not light burners prior to being told to do so by the Inspector. For the safety of the Inspector, if your equipment is hot you may have to shut it down and allow it to cool prior to inspection.
- Propane tanks shall be secured, to prevent falling over.
- Propane tanks and equipment shall comply with NFPA 58/2004.
- Propane tanks shall not be taken into buildings/tents.
- All appliances shall be listed and labeled and approved by the fire code official. (No homemade appliances).

- No vehicles shall be parked within 5 feet of tents or canopies.
- Suitable barricades shall be provided to maintain a distance of 5 feet between the heat producing appliance and the public.
- Propane tanks between 4 and 40 lbs. shall have an Overfill Protection Device for filling in NJ.
- Propane tanks shall be hydro tested every 12 years, and not dented or badly rusted.
- Regulator shall be in good condition and the relief valve shall face away from the public areas.
- All plastic type protective caps shall be removed from all propane tanks before operating.
- Hoses shall not be frayed or cracked, and there shall not be any type of tape on the hose.
- Hoses shall not be covered with grease and shall not be swollen.
- Hoses shall not create a tripping hazard.
- All control knobs must be present on all cooking appliances.

Failure to meet the above requirements will result in the denial of your permit.

I attest that the above duties are understood and understand that an inspection will be verifying compliance with this document and all referenced codes that may not be contained in this document. I am aware that in the event a violation of the fire code is discovered that changes may have to be implemented.

Agent Name/Vendor Name

Signature

Date



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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

The Uniform Fire Code states:

"Permits shall be required, and obtained from the local enforcing agency for the activities specified in this section, except where they are an integral part of a process or activity by reason of which a use is required to be registered and regulated as a life hazard use. Permits shall at all times be kept in the premises designated therein and shall at all times be subject to inspection by the Fire Official." [N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.7(a)]

Date of application: _____

Location where activity will occur _____

Date _____ Time _____

Applicant Name _____ Address _____

Organization Name _____

Phone/Fax Number _____ Emerg.# _____

Block/Lot _____ Registration# _____

The above named applicant hereby requests permission to conduct the following activity at the above indicated location:

And for the keeping, storage, occupancy, sale, handling or manufacture of the following:

(State quantities for each category to be stored, or used and the method stored or used:)

I hereby acknowledge that I have read this application, that the information given is correct, and that I am the owner, or duly authorized to act in the owner's behalf and as such hereby agree to comply with the applicable requirements of the fire code as well as any specific conditions imposed by the fire official.

Applicant Signature

Fire Official Signature

Fee Amount

Permit Type