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Mobile Food Trucks/Trailers and Understanding the Fire Code Requirements

Today, many entering into the restaurant industry are purchasing food concession trucks/trailers and locating them within the City of Foley. A food concession truck or trailer has become an appealing option for an entrepreneur interested in a food related opportunity. This option has become so popular due to the minimal start-up cost and the mobility the truck and trailers presents. Many of these new business owners want to know what the local fire code requires for their new business.

The requirements outlined below will provide each new and existing business owner the information needed to comply with the local Fire Code.

Extinguisher Requirement

All food concession trucks and trailers are required to have at least one class ABC extinguisher with a minimum classification of 2A:10BC rating. This extinguisher shall have a current inspection tag, be fully charged, and mounted properly.

Does your cooking operation produce grease laden vapors? If grease laden vapors are produced, your concession trailer will require a Class K rated portable extinguisher. Class K extinguishers emit a Low PH Wet Chemical Agent in a fine mist that helps prevent grease splash and fire re-ignite while cooling the appliance. A 1.5 gallon Class K extinguisher is sufficient for up to 4 fryers with a maximum capacity of 80 lbs. each. This extinguisher shall have a current inspection tag, be fully charged, and mounted properly.

Type I Hood Requirement

Does your cooking operation produce grease laden vapors? If grease laden vapors are produced, a commercial kitchen exhaust hood and duct system with an automatic fire extinguishing system is required. This suppression system is also required to be serviced every 6-months and tag affixed. The release of grease laden vapors associated with commercial cooking can ignite without warning. The kitchen suppression system will immediately react to high temperatures associated with cooking fires and extinguish them prior to the fire spreading to other combustibles around the cook area.

Compressed Gas

All LP gas cylinders should be secured during transport and must be isolated from the interior or passenger areas. LP gas cylinders must also be kept away from any open flames and heat sources. Portable cylinders must also be isolated from the passenger/work area. They can be securely mounted on the outside or placed in a gastight compartment that prevents vapors from entering the passenger/work area. LP gas cylinders should never be transported or installed inside a vehicle passenger area.

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