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| <p>MEMORANDUM</p> <p>Florence Fire Department Division of Fire & Life Safety</p>  <p>324 W. Evans St. Florence, SC 29501</p> | <p>Number: 00-2015-001</p> <p>Dated: 5/8/2015 Amended: 5/24/2022</p> <p>Expires: N/A</p> |
| <p>Title: Guidelines for Food Trucks/Trailers</p> | |

1. **PURPOSE:** To establish guidelines for the Florence Fire Department (FFD) to inspect Food Trucks and Trailers.

Prior to issuance of a business or vendor license to operate a Food Truck and Trailers in the City of Florence the Fire Marshal will conduct inspections. The Fire Marshal shall conduct inspections of all Food Trucks and Trailers for special events as well.

1) Events that will have Food Vendors (Food Trucks and/or Trailers) shall meet the following requirements based on Section 319 of the 2018 International Fire Code (IFC):

All food vendors cooking on-site must have proper Fire Extinguishers and a Hood Extinguishing system (if enclosed and produce grease laden vapors) with paperwork showing recent servicing and cleaning.

- A minimum of 1-2A10BC Fire Extinguisher is required for grille or open flame cooking. (Section 906 of IFC)
- Commercial cooking systems shall be of type for protection of commercial cooking equipment and exhaust systems and shall be UL 300 listed and labeled.
- ALL vendors with frying as part of the cooking process are required to have a “K” class extinguisher per Section 906.4.2 of the 2018 IFC. **(For up to four fryers having a maximum cooking medium capacity of 80 pounds each: one Class K portable fire extinguisher of a minimum 1.5-gallon capacity).**
- Each vendor must have the required extinguisher(s) on site, in a secured position and readily available as determined by the Fire Marshal.
- All Fire Extinguishers must have a current annual inspection and tagged by a South Carolina licensed service provider.
- Open Flame cooking devices shall not be operated within 10 feet of combustible construction. (Section 308.1.4)
- **Commercial Kitchen Hoods shall be serviced and cleaned to comply with Section 607.3.3 of the 2018 IFC.**

2) The use of Portable LP Gas Containers must meet the following requirements from Table 6104.3 and Sections 319.8.1 through 319.8.5 of the 2018 IFC:

- Portable LP Gas Containers shall be securely fastened in place to prevent unauthorized movement.
- Maximum aggregated capacity of LP-gas containers transported on the vehicle and used to fuel cooking appliances only shall not exceed 200 pounds propane capacity.

- LP-gas containers shall be manufactured in compliance with the requirements of NFPA 58.
- LP-gas systems piping, including valves and fittings, shall be adequately protected to prevent tampering, impact damage, and damage from vibration
- **LP-gas alarms shall be installed within the vehicle in the vicinity of LP-gas system components, in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.**
- **LP-gas containers and LP-gas lines shall be serviced annually by an approved agency or company that is registered with the US Department of Transportation.**

3) Food Trucks or Trailers that have a space designated for generators to be mounted must be secured in that space. If there no space for a generator to be mounted on the food truck or trailer, then it must be located on the ground in such a manner that it will not cause any trip hazards or fume build up inside the food truck or trailer. Refueling generators shall follow the manufacture's recommendations.

If you have any questions or need clarification on any of the requirements that pertain to your event, please contact the Fire Marshal at 843-665-3231.

