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MOBILE FOOD BOOTH VENDING REQUIREMENTS

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015, A FEE OF \$309.00 WILL BE ASSESSED FOR ALL MOBILE FOOD VENDING PERMITS.

1. PERMITS

- It shall be unlawful to operate mobile food establishments without a permit.
- Annual mobile food establishment permits must be displayed in a visible location in or on the mobile food establishment.
- Mobile food establishments left on site for more than 24 hours at carnivals, fairs, festivals, or other public events will be subject to Food Booth permit requirements, inspections, and fees in addition to any fees associated with the annual mobile food establishment permits.

2. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

- Fire extinguishers are required in mobile food establishments.
- All mobile food vendors shall have at minimum one **2A10BC** portable fire extinguisher mounted in a conspicuous place within the kitchen area.
- Mobile food vendors with portable generators shall have a **3A40BC** portable fire extinguisher in addition to the other fire extinguishers.
- All portable fire extinguishers shall be serviced, inspected, and tagged annually.
- In addition to any other required fire extinguisher, all mobile food vendors who deep fat fry shall have a **class K** portable fire extinguisher for up to four fryers having a maximum cooking medium capacity of 80 pounds each. For every additional group of four fryers having a maximum cooking capacity of 80 pounds each, an additional class K extinguisher will be required. For individual fryers exceeding 6 square feet in surface area, class K extinguishers will be installed in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations.

3. LPG

- Liquefied Petroleum Gas usage shall comply.
- L.P. Gas containers shall be located and secured on the exterior of the mobile food establishment, open to atmosphere or if containers are kept in compartment, said compartment must be separate from the interior food preparation area. Access must be from the exterior of the unit and compartment floor and exterior door must be vented to the atmosphere.
- All mobile units with propane shall post a **"NO SMOKING"** sign next to or directly above the propane bottle and visible to the public. Such sign shall be posted with a minimum of

4 inch lettering.

- Any hose used to pipe L.P. Gas to a device shall be **UL or FM** listed specifically for LP Gas service. All couplings, fittings, and any other devices shall meet the requirements for LP Gas Service as outlined in the International Fuel Gas Code, NFPA 58 and 54 or be deemed unapproved and removed from service.
- LPG tanks shall be located outside the mobile food establishment a minimum of 5 feet from the primary means of egress.
- An annual LPG inspection from a company certified by the Texas Railroad Commission to perform LPG inspections is required.

4. **BAFFLES AND CLOSURES**

- All deep-fat fryers shall have a steel baffle between the fryer and surface flames of an adjacent appliance. The baffle shall be 8 inches in height.
- A positive closing lid shall be required on the fryer with latching mechanisms that secure it in the open and closed positions. Exception: fryers installed under a fixed pipe extinguishing system.

5. **EMERGENCY EGRESS**

- Emergency egress shall comply.
- Mobile food establishments shall have a clear, unobstructed height over the aisle-way portion of the unit of at least 74 inches from floor to ceiling, and a minimum of 30 inches of unobstructed horizontal aisle space.
- Should travel distance from any portion of the interior exceed 10 feet, the mobile food establishments shall have a minimum of two exits located remote from each other and so arranged as to provide a means of unobstructed travel to the outside of the vehicle.
 - i. A secondary means of egress shall be located remote of the main exit door, with an unobstructed minimum passage of 24" X 24 " to the outside. The bottom of this secondary means of egress shall not be more than four (4) feet above the vehicle floor or a readily accessible horizontal surface capable of supporting a weight of 300 pounds minimum opening to the outside.
 - ii. The latch mechanism of any exit facility shall be operable by hand, and shall not require the use of a key or special knowledge for operation from the inside. The secondary exit shall be labeled with the word "**EXIT**" with 2 inch minimum letters on contrasting background.

6. **Generator Refueling**

- Refueling of generators shall be performed in an approved location not less than 20 feet from the mobile food establishment. Fuel shall be stored in a **UL or FM** approved flammable liquid safety container in an approved location. Generators shall be grounded in an approved method. Generators shall not be refueled in areas occupied by the public.