



# **MINERAL WELLS FIRE DEPT.**

**OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL** *03/17/2020*

## **MOBILE FOOD VENDOR GUIDELINES**

### **Food Trucks & Trailers**

These guidelines are to be followed when a business, facility or organization plans to operate a food truck, trailer or mobile cooking unit within the City of Mineral Wells. These guidelines are not to be interpreted as containing all information required for proper design, approval, inspection and permit.

**INSPECTIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 8am TO 4pm OR QUARTERLY ON SATURDAYS FROM 10am TO 2pm.**

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#### **GUIDELINES:**

- 1.) The provisions of these guidelines shall apply to the operation of mobile food vending and food preparation trucks and/or trailers. Every vendor desiring to engage in mobile food vending and/or food preparation shall apply for a fire safety inspection with the Mineral Wells Fire Marshal's Office and make a written application to the Mineral Wells Health Inspection Department for a permit.
- 2.) It shall be unlawful to operate a mobile food vending unit without an inspection sticker and permit as required by the City of Mineral Wells. All sticker/permits shall be prominently displayed on the mobile food vending unit.
- 3.) An inspection sticker will be issued by the Fire Marshal's Office for a calendar year from the date of issuance. Any sticker/permit issued is non-transferable.
- 4.) Once a request for a fire safety inspection is received by the Fire Marshal's Office, the vendor shall coordinate the inspection with the Fire Marshal's Office. A Health Inspection will also need to be conducted by the City of Mineral Wells Building Department.
- 5.) Food trucks shall be inspected at least annually by the Fire Marshal's Office, or as deemed necessary. Inspections shall be coordinated with the Health Inspections Department when possible.

#### **CHECK LIST:**

- 1.) Provide appropriate waste receptacles at the site of the unit and remove all litter, debris and other waste attributable to the vendor on a daily basis.
- 2.) **Parking and Access:** Trucks/Trailers shall not be parked, situated or operated in a manner than restricts or blocks emergency vehicle apparatus access, restricts or blocks fire hydrants, fire lanes or other fire protection equipment or access.
- 3.) Comply with all applicable federal, state, county city regulations.



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**4.)** Not represent the granting of a permit by the City of Mineral Wells as an endorsement by the City of Mineral Wells.

**5.) Cooking operations in which grease laden vapors are or can be created, shall be provided with a Type I hood and fire suppression system.**

**NFPA Standards.** All commercial cooking systems shall comply with the applicable provisions of the NFPA 96 Annex B, and other applicable standards.

**6.)** Fire suppression system shall be inspected by a licensed company every six months.

**7.) IFC 6805.1 Fire Extinguishers.** Fire extinguishers shall be required in mobile food vending units. A minimum of 1 K- Class fire extinguisher shall be provided, and a minimum of 1 2A-10BC fire extinguisher shall be provided depending on the cooking equipment available.

**8.)** All temporary electrical shall comply with current NFPA-2012IFC and any other applicable city ordinances or codes.

**9.)** The exhaust system, including hood, grease-removal devices, fans, ducts and other appurtenances, shall be inspected and cleaned in accordance with Section 607.3 2012IFC. Fire protection systems and devices shall be maintained in accordance with Section 901.6 2012IFC.

**10.)** LP-gas containers installed on the vehicle and fuel-gas piping systems shall be inspected annually by an approved inspection agency or a company that is registered with the U.S. Department of Transportation to requalify LP-gas cylinders, to ensure that system components are free from damage, suitable for the intended service and not subject to leaking. CNG containers shall be inspected every 3 years in a qualified service facility. CNG containers shall not be used past their expiration date as listed on the manufacturer's container label. LP-gas containers shall not exceed 200 pounds (91 kg) propane capacity.

**11.)** Propane cylinders shall be secured to the vehicle and installed in accordance with NFPA 58.

**12.)** A minimum of 10 feet of clearance shall be provided from the mobile food vending unit to fire hydrants, buildings, structures, other mobile vending units and any combustible materials.

**Exception:** When in the opinion of the Fire Code Official, the clearance distance can be reduced if this would not pose any additional risks.

**13.) Refueling of generators.** Shall be performed in an approved location not less than 20 feet from the mobile food vending unit. 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. Check that any engine-driven source of power is separated from the public by barriers, such as physical guards, fencing, or enclosures.

**14.) LP-gas alarms.** A listed LP-gas alarm shall be installed within the vehicle in the vicinity of LP-gas system components, in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.