

## BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION

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## Requirements for Commercial Cooking Operations in Concession Trailers and Tents

The information contained herein is to inform any mobile/temporary vendor that wishes to set-up and conduct cooking operations within the City of Athens of the requirements they are to abide by. Any vendor wishing to conduct such operations shall comply with these requirements that are in line with state and locally adopted codes. If any such vendor fails to comply, they will not be allowed to set-up or continue operations once violations are found. An inspection by the Bureau of Fire Prevention will be conducted of each vendor prior to the event and the vendor being allowed to start cooking operations. If the vendor fails to comply with the following requirements, they will not be allowed to cook for the event and will be asked to vacate the premises.

### Referenced Codes:

2009 International Fire Code

NFPA 96 – *Standard for Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations*

NFPA 17A – *Standard for Wet Chemical Extinguishing Systems*

NFPA 70 – *National Electrical Code*

LP Gas Code

1. Any cooking operation that produces smoke or grease laden vapors done inside a mobile vehicle/trailer shall have a commercial (Type I) vent hood and fire suppression system. These cooking operations include stoves, griddles, grills, and fryers, etc. The use of any type residential appliances for commercial use falls under this requirement. The fire suppression/hood system shall have a current inspection from a company certified for service of the system.

2. If the cooking operation is producing grease laden vapors, and Class K fire extinguisher will also be required within 30 feet of the operation. If you have an ABC class extinguisher, you will still need a Class K extinguisher for any operation producing grease laden vapors.

3. Cooking operation may done under a tent, but with certain regulations. If the cooking produces grease laden vapors, you must have a Class K extinguisher. The tent you are cooking under must have a fire retardant coating on it. If the tent does not, you cannot cook under the tent. A certificate/label on the tent, or other evidence of approval for fire retardant will be required or the tent will not be allowed.

Frying equipment is to be located under the tent protected from rain provided it meets the above requirements.

Non-compliant tents may be used for other non-public use, but must be a MINIMUM OF 5 FEET AWAY FROM OTHER TENTS/CANOPIES.

4. ALL vendors are required to have at least one fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A:10BC with a current inspection/service tag from a licensed fire extinguisher company. The extinguisher shall be visible and unobstructed. If cooking anything with grease laden vapors a Class K is also required.

5. All compressed gas cylinders (LP gas) are to be chained or strapped in the upright position to secure them falling over. Minimum of 10ft. clearance from any trash or combustibles. Cylinders shall be kept away from open flames, generators, or other sources of ignition.

Hose assemblies must marked for use for LP-Gas, must be equipped with original fittings (NO HOSE CLAMPS), must be in good condition with no cuts, abrasions, cracking(dry rot), or other damage.

MOBILE COOKING UNITS **MUST NOT** be piped using corrugated metal tubing or CSST (includes appliance flex connectors unless using connectors specifically listed for this use)!!

6. Grills used for cooking are not allowed under tents or inside mobile vehicles/trailers. They must be outside due to smoke build-up and flame-ups.

7. No public access is allowed to ANY cooking areas.

8. Hay, straw, shavings, or similar combustible materials shall NOT be located within any tent canopy, or membrane structure.

9. There will be NO SMOKING in any vendor vehicle/trailer or under any tent/canopy!

10. Generators are allowed with the following conditions. They shall be in good working condition and will located away from any other flammable liquids or gases. Fuels for the generator shall be in an appropriate container and marked as a flammable liquid. An ABC fire extinguisher shall be within 30 ft of the fuel containers. Extension cords shall be in good condition and rated/sized to match the appliances for which they are serving. Measures shall be taken to prevent damage to the outer insulation of the extension cords while in use at the event.