

**MCKINNEY FIRE DEPARTMENT
FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE**

**MOBILE FOOD VENDING
Food Trucks & Trailers**

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

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CHAPTER 68
MOBILE FOOD VENDING**

6801.1 Scope. The provisions of this chapter shall apply to the operation of mobile food vending.

6801.2 Construction Documents. Every vendor desiring to engage in mobile food vending shall make a written application to the Fire Department for a permit under this chapter. The applicant shall truthfully state, in full, all information requested by the Fire Department and be accompanied by permit application fee.

6801.3 Fees. An application for a permit under this chapter shall be accompanied by a fee in the amount of \$100. There shall be no proration of fees. Fees are non-refundable once a permit has been issued by the Fire Department.

**SECTION 6802
PERMITS**

6801.2 Permits. It shall be unlawful to operate a mobile food vending unit without a permit as required by Section 105.6. All permits shall be prominently displayed on the mobile food vending unit.

6801.2.1 Duration; non-transferability. Permits will be issued by the Fire Department for a calendar year from the date of issuance. Any permit issued under this chapter is non-transferable.

**SECTION 6802
DEFINITIONS**

MOBILE FOOD VENDING. Vending, serving, or offering for sale food and/or beverages from a mobile food vending unit.

MOBILE FOOD VENDING UNIT. Any motorized or non-motorized vehicle, trailer, or other device designed to be portable and not permanently attached to the ground from which food is vended, served, or offered for sale.

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VENDER. Any individual engaged in the business of mobile food vending; if more than one individual is operating a single stand, cart or other means of conveyance, then vendor shall mean all individuals operating such single stand, cart or other means of conveyance.

OPERATE. All activities associated with the conducting of business, including set up and take down and/or actual hours where the mobile food vending unit is open for business.

SECTION 6803 INSPECTIONS

6803.1 General. Inspections of mobile food operations shall be set forth as outlined in this section.

6803.2 Permit Inspections. Once application for a permit is received by the Fire Department, the vendor shall coordinate an inspection with the Fire Department to verify all statements and requirements within this chapter are provided.

6803.3 Inspections. Food trucks shall be inspected at least annually by the Fire Department, or as deemed necessary. Inspections shall be coordinated with the Health Department when possible.

SECTION 6804 OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

6804.1 General. Mobile food vending operations shall be as set forth in this section.

6804.2 Operational Requirements. Any vendor engaging in mobile food vending shall comply with the following requirements:

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. Shall not be parked, situated or operated in a manner than restricts or blocks emergency vehicle apparatus access.
3. Shall not be parked, situated or operated in a manner than restricts or blocks fire hydrants, fire lanes or other fire protection equipment or access.
4. Not use any flashing or blinking lights or strobe lights.
5. Not use loud music, amplification devices or "crying out" or any other audible methods to gain attention which causes a disruption or safety hazard as determined by the City of McKinney.
6. Comply with the city's Noise Ordinance, Sign Ordinance and any other applicable ordinances.
7. Comply with all applicable federal, state and county regulations.
8. Not represent the granting of a permit under this chapter as an endorsement by the City of McKinney.
9. Cooking operations in which grease laden vapors are or can be created, shall be provided with a Type I hood and fire suppression system.

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10. Fire suppression system shall be inspected by a licensed company every six months.
11. A minimum of 1 K- Class fire extinguisher shall be provided.
12. A minimum of 1 2A-10BC fire extinguisher shall be provided.
13. Propane cylinders shall be secured to the vehicle and installed in accordance with NFPA 58.
14. All temporary electrical shall comply with the provisions of this code and any other applicable city ordinances or codes.

6804.3 Maintenance. Maintenance of systems on mobile food preparation vehicles shall be in accordance with Sections 6804.3.1 through 6804.3.3.

6804.3.1 Exhaust system. The exhaust system, including hood, grease-removal devices, fans, ducts and other appurtenances, shall be inspected and cleaned in accordance with Section 607.3.

6804.3.2 Fire protection systems and devices. Fire protection systems and devices shall be maintained in accordance with Section 901.6.

6804.3.1 Fuel gas systems. 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. Upon satisfactory inspection, the approved inspection agency shall affix a tag on the fuel gas system or within the vehicle indicating the name of the inspection agency and the date of satisfactory inspection.

SECTION 6805 FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

6805.1 Fire Extinguishers. Fire extinguishers shall be required in mobile food vending units in all of the following locations.

1. Mobile food vending units shall have at minimum one 2A-10BC portable fire extinguisher mounted in a conspicuous place within the kitchen area.
2. Mobile food vending units with portable generators shall have a 3A-40BC portable fire extinguisher in addition to the other fire extinguishers.
3. Mobile food vending units who utilize deep fat fryers, grills, or other cooking devices in which grease laden vapors may be generated, shall have a K Class portable fire extinguisher, as required by Section 904.12.5.

6805.2 Inspections. All portable fire extinguishers shall be serviced, inspected, and tagged at least annually, or as otherwise required by this code or state requirements.

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SECTION 6806 COMMERCIAL COOKING SYSTEMS

6806.1 Commercial cooking systems. A Type 1 hood shall be installed above all commercial cooking equipment that produce grease laden vapors in accordance with the 2015 International Mechanical Code and Section 609.

6806.2 Fire protection for commercial cooking systems. Cooking equipment shall be protected by automatic fire extinguishing systems in accordance with Section 904.12. All fire suppressions systems shall comply with UL300, or other equivalent standards.

6806.3 Applicable NFPA Standards. All commercial cooking systems shall comply with the applicable provisions of the NFPA 96 Annex B, and other applicable standards.

SECTION 6807 CLEARANCES

6807.1 Clearances. A minimum of 10 feet of clearance shall be provided from the mobile food vending unit to fire hydrants, buildings, structures and any combustible materials.

6807.2 Clearance to adjacent mobile food vending units. A minimum of 10-foot clearance shall be provide to adjacent mobile food vending units.

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

SECTION 6808 USE OF LPG

6808.1 Use of LPG. Liquefied Petroleum Gas systems shall comply with Sections 6807.2.

6808.2 LPG container location. Shall be located and secured on the exterior of the mobile food vending unit, 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.

6808.3 No smoking signs. All mobile food vending 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 four-inch lettering.

6808.4 Hoses and couplings. Any hose used to pipe L.P. Gas to a device shall be listed by UL, FM, or other approved agency. 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/or 54.

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6808.5 LPG tank separation distance. LPG tanks shall be located outside the mobile food establishment a minimum of five feet from the primary means of egress.

Exception. LPG tanks that are installed as a permanent fixture inside a compartment.

6808.6 Maximum aggregate volume. The maximum aggregate capacity of LP-gas containers transported on the vehicle and used to fuel cooking appliances only shall not exceed 200 pounds (91 kg) propane capacity.

6808.7 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.

6808.8 Fuel sources other than LPG. When a fuel source other than LPG is used, it shall be installed and maintained in accordance with this code and any other applicable code. Use of fuels other than LPG shall be subject to the approval of the Fire Code Official.

SECTION 6809 SOLID FUEL

6809.1 Scope. The provisions of this section shall apply to the use wood, charcoal, or other solid fuel.

6809.2 Fuel Storage. Solid fuel shall not be stored within 3 feet of any heat producing device, cooking appliance or vent. Solid fuel shall not be stored within 3 feet of any flammable liquids, ignition sources, chemical or food and food supplies.

6809.3 Debris. Ash, cinders and other fire debris shall be removed from the firebox or cooking appliance at regular intervals. Removed debris shall be placed in a closed metal container at least 3 feet from the cooking appliances.

SECTION 6810 GENERATOR REFUELING

6810.1 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.

SECTION 6811 HOUSEKEEPING

6811.1 Housekeeping. Trash and other combustible materials shall be removed at regular intervals. Storage of combustible rubbish shall not produce conditions that will create a nuisance or hazard to the public health, safety or welfare.

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6811.2 Clearances. Combustible rubbish shall not be stored, or otherwise located, within 3 feet of any fuel source, ignition sources, or heat producing appliances. Rubbish shall not be located within the means of egress of the mobile food vending unit.

SECTION 6812 REVOCATION

6812.1 Revocation. The Fire Department shall revoke the permit of any vendor engaged in mobile food vending who ceases to meet any requirement of this chapter or violates any other federal, state or local regulation, makes a false statement on their application, or conducts activity in a manner that is adverse to the protection of the public health, safety and welfare.

Immediately upon such revocation, the Fire Department shall provide written notice to the permit holder by certified mail to their place of business or residence as indicated on the application. Immediately upon such revocation, the permit shall become null and void.

SECTION 6813 VIOLATIONS

6813.1 Violations. Any vendor or mobile food truck that violates this shall be subject to violations and fines in accordance with Section 109.

All mobile food vending operations for the purposes of this guideline and any other guidelines or requirements of the Fire Department shall conform to the 2015 International Fire Code, as adopted and amended by City of McKinney.

This guide does not replace, nor supersede any codes and/or ordinances adopted by the City of McKinney, or determinations and positions of the Fire Chief or Fire Marshal.