



KENNEWICK FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Mobile Food Vendor Requirements

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What is a Mobile Food Vendor?

A mobile food vendor refers to a person who is engaged in the sale of foods from a truck, trailer, or other moveable wheeled equipment such as a BBQ trailer, hot dog cart, etc.

What is required of a Mobile Food Vendor by the Fire Department?

Inspections:

1. It is the vendor's responsibility to contact the Fire Prevention office to schedule an appointment for inspection of the mobile food unit prior to the first use annually in Kennewick.
2. The inspection is valid for the current calendar year of the date of issuance and will be tagged upon passing inspection.
3. Normal inspection hours are Monday through Friday between 9am and 4pm.

Fire Extinguishers:

1. Minimum of one (1) sized 2A-10BC all-purpose dry chemical fire extinguisher.
2. If any grease is involved in your cooking process, a Class K liquid chemical extinguisher is also required.
3. Extinguishers must be mounted in an accessible location so that the head of the extinguisher is within a height that is easily accessed.
4. Extinguishers must also have a current service tag (within the last twelve (12) calendar months) affixed and shall be a serviceable model per NFPA 10. No plastic head fire extinguishers will be allowed.
5. Cooking lines shall have a Class K extinguisher within thirty (30) feet, and have been tested within the last twelve (12) months.
6. There shall be at least one operator that has received training in the use of portable fire extinguishers.

Commercial Cooking Appliance Systems:

1. The fire suppression system (including the portable Class K liquid chemical extinguisher), must have a current service tag within the last six (6) months prior to inspection.
2. If you are a Kennewick based business your semi-annual confidence test must be reported to Tegriss by your service provider.

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3. A Class K liquid chemical extinguisher must be mounted as indicated above.
4. The Class K liquid chemical extinguisher must be tagged as indicated above.
5. The manual activation for the hood suppression must be accessible.
6. Activation of the suppression system shall also shut off gas to the burners.
7. All powered cooking appliances should be UL listed, and Fuel containers UL listed.

Generators:

1. All generators and fuel cans shall be separated by at least ten (10) feet. All fuel cans onsite shall have a secure lid or cover to control vapor release.
2. Generators must be protected & isolated from the public to prevent accidental touching of a hot unit.
3. Generators may not be refueled during event hours and must be conducted away from patrons.
4. Generators over 5KW must be grounded.
5. Remote power taps (multi-plug adapters) may not be used to power cooking appliances.

LP Gas:

1. LP tanks must be stored and secured in the upright position.
2. LP refueling may not be done during event hours.
3. Vendors using propane/LP gas must place "NO SMOKING – 25 FEET" signs on or near their booth or tanks in use.

Tents:

1. Tents or canopies over 400 square feet must be certified to be flame retardant per NFPA 701 and have a tag certifying this attached.
2. Tents/Canopies individually over 400 square feet must be separated by 10 feet when erected.
3. No open flame cooking devices may be used under any type of tent or canopy that does not have the certified flame retardant certification and must be 10' from any flammable fabric.

Misc.:

1. Mobile Food Vendors shall be parked 10 feet from other trucks, buildings, and combustible tents/canopies.
2. No straw, hay, wood chips or other flammable material may be used as ground cover where open flame cooking/heating devices are used.
3. Vendors using solid fuel cooking appliances must have a water extinguishing source available (hose, bucket or water extinguisher)
4. Extension cords shall be in serviceable order and not daisy chained together, including remote power taps plugged into one another.

If you have any questions about these requirements, are ready to schedule your inspection, or need additional information, please contact our office at 509-585-4302 or via email at FirePrevention@ci.kennewick.wa.us.