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NJ UNIFORM FIRE CODE: COOKING VENDOR GUIDELINES

- The following are minimum guidelines for each cooking vendor at festivals, carnivals, etc.
- A site plan may be required by the Fire Official Prior to event.

FIRE SAFETY PERMIT: Cooking vendor permits – a permit application and fee shall be submitted for each event. N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.7(A); All cooking vendors shall be required to apply for a Fire Safety Permit issued by the Chief Fire Marshal. All permits shall be made available to the fire official upon inspection. N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.7(F); The Fire Official upon Inspection may deny or revoke a permit at any time; this can be due to failure to meet the permit conditions, unabated fire code violations or unsafe conditions.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER: All cooking vendors shall supply their fire extinguishers. N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 906.2; All Fire extinguishers shall comply with NFPA 10/2002. All fire extinguishers shall have a valid dated inspection tag, good of one year. N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 904.11.5; Class K portable extinguishers are required for cooking with vegetable or animal oils and fats. N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 904.11.5.1; Class K portable fire extinguishers required for cooking with solid fuel. N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 904.11.5.2; Class K portable fire extinguishers required for deep fat fryers. (See 2006 IFC-NJ for size and quantity)

PROPANE TANK:

N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 3003.5.3; Propane tanks fire extinguishers are required for cooking with vegetable or animal oils and fats N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 3801.1; Propane tanks and extinguishers are required for cooking with solid fuel. N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 3803.2.1; Propane tanks shall not be taken into buildings/tents, (see 2006 IFC-NJ for exceptions)

Mobile Canteens & Cooking Trailers:

N.J.A.C.A 5-704.7(g) All cooking operations that produce grease laden vapors shall be equipped with a ventilating hood, duct and automatic fire suppression system.

N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 904.6; Dry chemical extinguishing systems shall be maintained semi-annual as per NFPA 17/2002.

N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 904.5; Wet chemical extinguishing systems shall be maintained and inspected semi annual as per NFPA 17A/2002. N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 609.2; Excessive grease and residue buildup on kitchen exhaust systems, cleaning required.

MISCELLANEOUS:

N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 104.3: All appliances shall be listed and labeled and approved by the fire code official. (No home made appliance.

N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 2403.8.2: No vehicles shall be parked within 5 feet of tents or canopies.

N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 2403.15.3; Suitable barricades shall be provided to maintain a distance of 5 feet between the producing appliances and the public.

- Propane tanks between 4 and 40 lbs shall have an Overfill Protection Device for filling in NJ.
- Propane tanks shall be hydro tested every 12 years and not dented or badly rusted.
- Regulator shall be in good condition and the relief valve shall face away from the public areas.
- All plastic type protective caps shall be removed from all propane tanks before operating.
- Hoses shall not be frayed or cracked and there shall not be any type of tape on the hose.
- Hoses shall not be covered with grease and shall not be swollen.
- Hoses shall not create tripping hazard.
- Only approved lighter fluid shall be used for charcoal grills.
- Sterno warmers may be used provided the fuel containers are properly protected over and if the fuel containers are properly enclosed within the warmer units.

BY ORDER OF:

Joseph Tull, Chief Fire Marshal-CFD