



Special Events

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Mobile Food Vending Unit Checklist

Location of Mobile Units:

- All Mobile Units must remain at least 15 feet away from any fire hydrant.
- Mobile Units shall not block access to a Fire Department Connection (FDC).
- Mobile Units shall not obstruct any access to or exit from a structure.

Electricity Issues:

- Mobile Units shall not use electricity from a nearby structure.
- No excessive use of extension cords.

Design Construction/Plan Review:

- All Mobile Units shall be inspected for safety.
- Exiting of mobile units shall not be obstructed

Propane Cylinders:

- A maximum of 2 – 100 lb propane cylinders is allowed. One is allowed for use and one as a spare.
- Propane cylinders need to be requalified every 12 yrs. A current date of manufacture if new or requalification stamp is required on all cylinders.

Propane Cylinder Location:

- Propane cylinders shall not be located:
 - On the rear vehicle or roofs
 - Below the lowest part of the vehicle frame
 - Inside improperly vented or unvented trunks or beds of vehicles
 - Inside passenger compartments of vehicles
- Compartments used for the storage of propane shall be properly vented
- The relief valve discharge from the propane cylinder shall not be less than 3 feet measured horizontally along the surface of the vehicle to:
 - Openings in the vehicle
 - Propane burning appliance intake / exhaust vents
 - All internal combustion engine exhaust terminations

Propane Cylinder Equipment:

- All cooking appliances shall be listed for use with propane.
- All appliances must be properly modified for use with propane.
- Appliances required to be vented (by the Manufacturers recommendations, usually greater than 40,000BTUs) must be converted for use with propane by a Master Plumber licensed by the Texas Railroad Commission. Documentation of proper conversion by a plumber must be provided at the time of inspection.
- Piping systems, including fittings and valves shall comply with NFPA 58
- The use of rubber non-metallic hose (must be labeled as LPG hose) can be used from the supply bottle to where piping enters vehicle
- Flexible connectors are limited to 5 feet.
- Piping shall be tested annually at not less than 3 psig for 10 minutes before appliances are connected and at system pressure after connection by a licensed LPG technician. Documentation of test must be provided at time of inspection.
- Manual shutoff valves on gas lines are required at the point of use(the appliance) and at the supply.

Fire Extinguishers:

- Each Mobile Unit will be required to have a proper fire extinguisher inside their vehicle (2A10BC fire extinguisher).
- Each fire extinguisher will need to be mounted in a conspicuous location where it can be located quickly.
- Each fire extinguisher will need to be serviced annually and maintain a current tag confirming its status.
- Mobile units using a deep fryer will be required to have a Class K fire extinguisher in addition to the 2A10BC.
- Effective October 1, 2013, fire extinguishers must be tagged by a licensed service provider.