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Food Cart/Mobile Food Preparation Vehicle Guide

This guide outlines the fire safety requirements found in the 2022 Oregon Fire Codes as well as locally adopted guidelines where applicable standards were not provided for per OFC 102.8/102.9. This guide is a tool to prepare your food cart for operation and inform business owners and applicants of the expectations upon inspection. These guidelines are intended to create a minimum standard of safety to protect property and save lives.

Food Carts must meet the following requirements:

- A business license for the city of operation and a fire permit are required to be obtained prior to operation.
- Carts shall not obstruct fire lanes, fire hydrants, or other fire protection equipment.
- Food carts must have a minimum of 5 ft separation from buildings, added structures, carts, tents, and canopies.
- Storage/entry structures and their siding shall be built of non-combustible materials.
- Any accessory tents and canopies will require permits where tents are over 200 sq ft or canopies over 400 sq ft.
- All tents and canopies in use must be flame resistive.
- Compressed gas cylinders shall be secured to prevent from falling.
- All carts must comply with local planning and Multnomah County health requirements.

Cooking Operations

- A Type I hood with a fire suppression system is required for cooking operations that produce grease laden vapors.
- Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided in accordance with OFC 906.4 and NFPA 10.
 - General hazards require a 2A:10B:C, deep fat frying requires a class K extinguisher.
- Portable fire extinguishers shall be serviced annually, kitchen suppression systems semi-annually.

Electrical/Fuel Source

- Residential type (small gauge cord) extension cords are not allowed to be used. Extension cords shall be a minimum 14-gauge, three conductor size with polarized or grounded plug and receptacle.
- Multi-plug adapters (i.e., cube adapters) are not allowed in commercial or temporary occupancies.
- LP gas shall be protected from impact and must be used a minimum 10' from combustible materials and property lines.
- Generators must be protected by a minimum 3A:40BC fire extinguisher when in use.

NOTE: Please contact us with questions prior to installation of the cart.