



# *Township of Falls*

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### **MOBILE FOOD VENDOR – FIRE INSPECTION CHECKLIST**

This form is intended as a guide and is not intended to be a complete list of the requirements for proper installation and use in accordance with the 2018 International Fire Code, 2018 International Mechanical Code and all applicable NFPA standards.

Fire Inspection of mobile food preparation vehicles (including but not limited to food trucks and carts) that are equipped with appliances that produce smoke of grease-laden vapors shall comply with the following:

- Cooking equipment that produces grease-laden vapors shall be provided with a Type 1 kitchen exhaust hood.
- Type 1 hoods are required to have an approved automatic extinguishing system.
- Commercial cooking hoods, ducts, and vents shall comply with the requirements in the International Mechanical and Fire Codes. Cooking hoods, ducts, and vents shall be professionally cleaned by a qualified fire protection contractor. Cleaning is required semi-annually at a minimum but may be required to be completed more frequently depending on the use. A sticker with the cleaning date and expiration date shall be posted on the hood. A report shall be issued by the fire protection contractor and shall be available for review by the fire inspector at the time of the inspection.
- The automatic fire suppression systems shall be inspected semi-annually by a qualified fire protection contractor. The system shall be tagged and a report shall be available for review by the fire inspector at the time of the inspection.
- Fire extinguishers provided for the protection of cooking equipment shall be of an approved type compatible with the automatic fire-extinguishing system agent. Cooking equipment involving solid fuels or vegetable or animal oils and fats shall be protected by a Class K-rated portable extinguisher. All extinguishers must have a current inspection/tag located on them.
- All LP (propane) cylinders and/or other compressed gas cylinders shall be properly secured and located in an approved location.
- 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.
- Must have a clearance of 10' away from any building, structure, vehicles, and any combustible materials or as prescribed by the AHJ.

Mobile food vendors will not be permitted to operate if they fail the fire inspection and shall be removed from the property. Additional fees may be required for re-inspections. No refunds will be given due to non-compliance.

For questions or more information please contact the Falls Township Fire Marshal's Office.