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## **Enclosed Mobile Food Trucks Permitting & Inspection Requirements**

The New Jersey Division of Fire Safety has determined that “Enclosed Mobile Food Truck” vehicles, once they are parked and operating, are “premises” and subject to ALL regulations and permit requirements contained in the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code.

### **Administrative Requirements**

- 1) The operator must obtain a Type 1 Permit (enclosed mobile food truck requiring a fixed suppression system) (*N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.7(a)3.xii*)
- 2) Permits will not be granted unless a completed application and payment of the application fee is received by the Department of Emergency and Safety Services during normal business hours, at least two (2) business days prior to the commencement of the event. (*N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.7(b)*).
- 3) For the purposes of this policy, “completed application” shall include all information requested on the application form.
- 4) If the applicant is someone other than a representative of the property owner, a letter from the property owner authorizing the applicant to perform the permitted function is required to be included with the initial application.
- 5) A permit application will be not accepted unless the permit fee in the form of cash or check or credit card payment is provided. (*N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.7(i)*)
- 6) The applicant shall specify and date/time requested for inspection on the application form. No permit will be issued until such time as an inspection is completed. (*N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.7(c)*).
- 7) The igniting of gas powered appliances prior to an inspection shall constitute a violation of the code and the operator shall be subject to penalty (*N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.12(b)7.i*)

(see Technical Requirements on the following page)

## Technical Requirements:

- A food truck utilizing a cooking operation that, by way of cooking method or type of cuisine, creates grease laden vapors, must be equipped with an exhaust hood and a kitchen hood fire suppression system (NJAC 5:70-4.7(g))
- The suppression system must be inspected/tested within previous 6 months by a company possessing a valid NJ Division of Fire Safety Contractor Permit (if the truck is registered in another state, such as PA or NY, then it must have been inspected within the last 6 months, but the inspection does not have to be performed by a company having a NJ Division of Fire Safety Contractor Permit). (Section 904.5.1, 2006 IFC, NJ Ed.)
- The operator must have a copy of the actual fire suppression system inspection report in the vehicle (not just the cylinder tag).
- The truck must be equipped with a “K” type portable fire extinguisher, if the truck is equipped with deep fat fryers. (Section 906-4, 2006 IFC, NJ Ed.)
- Propane cylinders must be inspected for rust, damage, dents, leaks, alterations. (NFPA 58-5.2.2.1)
- Propane hoses, exposed portions, must be inspected for general condition and leaks. (NFPA 58-6.18.2)
- Maximum propane tank size is 125 lbs. (300 gal wc). (There is no maximum amount per vehicle) (NFPA 58-6.21.3.1(E))
- Propane containers and regulators must be installed on the outside of the vehicle, unless in a cabinet that is vapor tight to the inside of the vehicle, accessible only from outside the vehicle, and properly vented to the exterior of the vehicle. (NFPA 58-6.21.3.3)
- Propane cylinders must be attached to the vehicle-they may not be free standing, even if properly secured (NFPA 58-6.21.3.4)
- Propane cylinder valves, regulators, hoses, etc., must be protected from damage from physical impact, stones, mud, etc. (NFPA 58-6.21.3(B))
- Regulators must be installed so that the pressure relief valve is pointing downward and the vent must be protected to prevent dirt, mud, etc., from entering the vent (NFPA 58-6.21.4.2)
- The entire vehicle is subject to full inspection for all other applicable requirements provided for “premises” in accordance with NJ Uniform Fire Code, sub –chapter 3.