



Boston Fire Department General Requirements City Of Boston Municipal Code Mobile Food Trucks (Ord.2011 c.5)

In the City of Boston, food truck vendors are required to apply for a number of permits as well as undergo inspections by both the Health and Fire Departments.

Each registered truck requires a BFD General permit for open burning/cooking. *Special Event permits for those that do not regularly operate in Boston may be obtained provided an application and inspection is submitted and approved.*

A fuel storage permit is required for all diesel or propane generators not fueled directly from a vehicle fuel tank. (Gasoline generators with a separate fill are not allowed).

No more than 2 -100 lb tanks are allowed (200 lbs aggregate)

Generator and LPG storage compartments located on the exterior of the vehicle must be enclosed. These compartments must have venting to the exterior and must not allow any venting to the interior of the vehicle. No storage or use of LPG cylinders or tanks within the vehicle at any time.

If an LPG storage compartment is added on the rear of the truck, the bumper shall extend beyond the compartment to provide added impact protection.

Belly tanks shall be installed according to DOT standards and located within the truck body frame for additional structural protection.

A commercial kitchen hood *and* suppression system is required for any vehicle with a grill, stove or fryolator.

When a grill, stove and fryolator are adjacent to each other, there shall be an 8 inch non combustibile splash shield between them as required by NFPA 96 or a 16" space must be provided.

Hood and exhaust systems shall be inspected in conformance with the requirements of the 2008 edition of NFPA 96 as adopted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

At the time of inspection, hood & exhaust systems must be clean and the hood shall have the appropriate sticker attached by a Boston Fire Department Registered Cleaner

All piping, interior gas appliances and commercial kitchen hood suppression systems must be professionally installed and permitted.

A "Flex pipe" is allowed from the LPG tank to the regulator. The regulator to the appliance must be "hard piped" by a licensed plumber.

A class K extinguisher of sufficient size *and* a 20 BC extinguisher shall be installed

When parked on city streets, vendors are required to obtain a Boston Transportation Department (BTD) permit for 3 spaces. This ensures clear area in the front and rear of the truck.

During festival or Special Events, trucks shall maintain a minimum spacing no closer than 10 feet from the front and rear bumpers of other trucks.

To apply for a Boston Fire Department inspection, complete an application for a General BFD permit for open burning (cooking) or call the Special Hazards Unit if you have additional questions.

For more information visit: <http://www.cityofboston.gov/business/mobile/>