



The Grand Junction Division of Fire Prevention
625 Ute Ave.
Grand Junction, CO

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Mobile Food Preparation Vehicle Vendors,

To make the permitting process a bit simpler for vendors, the Grand Junction Fire Department and participating jurisdictions in the valley have made a change to the permitting program. Mobile Food Preparation Vehicle Operational Permits will **no longer** be valid for 365 days from the date issued and will now expire December 31st of the year issued. This means all permits issued in 2023 will expire December 31st, 2023. Vendors will need new permits beginning January 1st, 2023. This change was done to better align our permitting needs with the other permitting venues vendors interface with.

As a reminder, all vendors that operate a mobile food preparation vehicle with cooking appliances that produce smoke or grease laden vapors require an operational permit. Items that are assessed during the operational permit inspections include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Exhaust hood.** Cooking equipment that produces grease-laden vapors shall be provided with a kitchen exhaust hood in accordance with Section 607 of the 2018 International Fire Code (IFC).
- **Fire protection.** Cooking equipment shall be protected by automatic fire extinguishing systems in accordance with Section 904.12 of the IFC. Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided in accordance with section 906.4 IFC.
- **Cooking oil storage tanks.** Cooling oil storage tanks within mobile food preparation vehicles shall comply with Sections 319.7.1 through 319.7.5.2 of the IFC.
- **LP gas systems.** Where LP gas systems provide fuel for cooking appliances, such systems shall comply with Chapter 61 and Section 319.8.1 through 319.8.5 of the IFC.
- **CNG Systems.** Where CNG systems provide fuel for cooking appliances, such systems shall comply with Sections 319.9.1 through 319.1.3m of the IFC.
- **General Fire Code and Safety Concerns.** In addition to the specific criteria of outlined in Section 319, vendors are required to abide by all applicable provisions of IFC as well as local ordinances.

The term “grease” refers to animal and vegetable fats and oils that are used to cook foods or that are a byproduct of cooking foods. Cooking appliances are defined as appliances used in a commercial food service establishment for heating or cooking of food and which produce grease vapors, steam, fumes, smoke, or odors that are required to be removed through a local exhaust ventilation system.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this change, please contact your local fire department or district.

Respectfully,

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