



July 1st, 2020

Mobile Food Preparation Vehicles Vendors:

On February 19th, 2020 the City Council of Grand Junction approved an amendment to City Ordinance No. 4830 concerning the start date for the requirement to obtain an operational permit; to operate a mobile food preparation vehicle that use appliances that produce smoke or grease laden vapors in the City of Grand Junction. This change to City Ordinance No. 4830 sets the start date of the requirement to have an operational permit to **January 1st, 2021**. The requirements of the permit have not changed.

Below are the provisions of Section 319 that will be addressed by the operational permit.

- **Exhaust hood.** Cooking equipment that produces grease-laden vapors shall be provided with a kitchen exhaust hood in accordance with Section 607
- **Fire protection.** Cooking equipment shall be protected by automatic fire extinguishing systems in accordance with Section 904.12. Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided in accordance with section 906.4
- **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
- **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
- **CNG Systems.** Where CNG systems provide fuel for cooking appliances, such systems shall comply with Sections 319.9.1 through 319.1.3

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. Examples of appliances meeting the requirements for needing to obtain an operational permit from the Grand Junction Fire Department include but are not limited to: deep fat fryers, flat or grooved griddles, tilting skillets or woks, braising or frying pans, broilers, upright broilers, infrared broilers, under-fired broilers (charbroilers), steam-jacketed kettles, hot-top ranges, open-burner stoves, pastry ovens, pizza ovens, salamanders, barbecues, rotisseries; and similar appliances that are operated within a mobile food preparation vehicle.

The 2018 International Fire Code can be purchased through the International Code Council. Additionally, a copy of the 2018 International Fire Code can be viewed at the office of the City Clerk or the Grand Junction Fire Administration building. If you have questions regarding these new requirements, please contact the Grand Junction Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau.

Respectfully,

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