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## Requirements for Mobile Food Vending Trucks and Trailers

A valid and passed annual fire inspection is required to operate a food vending truck or trailer within the City of Terrell.

The following is required to pass the fire safety inspection and obtain the annual permit to operate. Issuance of an operational permit does prohibit periodic inspection during operation within the City of Terrell. Operational permits are valid for one year after issuance. Applicant shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.

In accordance with International Fire Code (IFC) 2021 and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the following fire code requirements must be addressed:

- A permit for operation must be obtained from the Terrell Fire Department prior to operation. IFC 319.2/IFC 105.5.32
- Vehicles/Trailers shall not be parked and operating within 10 ft of any building, structure, vehicle, and/or combustible material.
- Vehicle/Trailers shall not block any fire department access road/lane, fire hydrant, or fire department connection.
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- At least one 2A:10BC fire extinguisher shall be provided in addition to a K-Class extinguisher 1.5 gallons or larger when cooking appliance hazards involve combustible cooking media (vegetable oils and animal oils and fats). NFPA 96 11.7.2 The fire extinguishers shall be tagged and inspected by a licensed extinguisher contractor.
- Cooking under tents that are not fire rated is prohibited.
- Type 1 commercial hood exhaust systems shall be protected by an automatic extinguishment system. IFC 319.4 The automatic extinguishment system shall be serviced and tagged every six months by a licensed inspection/service contractor. IFC 904.15.5.2
- Commercial hood exhaust systems shall display current inspection and cleaning tag. IFC 609.3.3.1



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- An LP-gas alarm should be installed within the vehicle/trailer in the vicinity of the LP-gas system. IFC 319.8.5
- Fuel-Gas (LP) systems shall be inspected annually by an approved inspection agency. An inspection sticker/tag shall be affixed to the fuel-gas system or inside the vehicle. IFC 319.10.3
- Fueling of gas-powered equipment shall not occur while the equipment is running or hot. Verify that the equipment is cool to the touch before refueling.