

HAMPTON TOWNSHIP

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

OUTDOOR OPEN FLAME COOKING

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Subject: NJ Uniform Fire Code: Cooking Vendor Requirements

FIRE SAFETY PERMIT: All vendors using propane, charcoal or other cooking device are required to obtain a Fire Safety Permit and are subject to an inspection by the Fire Official.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER: All cooking vendors shall supply their own fire extinguisher

- All fire extinguishers must comply with NFPA 10/2002 and have a valid dated inspection tag, good for one year.
- Class K portable fire extinguishers are required for cooking with vegetable or animal oils and fats
- Class K portable fire extinguishers are required for cooking with solid fuel.
- Class K portable fire extinguishers are required for deep fat fryers.

PROPANE TANK:

- Propane tanks shall be secured to prevent falling over.
- Propane tanks and equipment shall comply with NFPA 58/2004.
- Propane tanks shall not be taken into buildings/tents.
- Propane tanks between 4 and 40 lbs shall have an Overfill Protection Device for filling in NJ.
- Propane tanks shall be hydro tested every 12 years, and not be dented or badly rusted.
- Regulator shall be in good condition and the relief valve shall face away from the public areas.
- Hoses shall not be frayed or cracked, and there shall not be any type of tape on the hose.
- Hoses shall not be covered with grease and shall not be swollen.
- Hoses shall not create a tripping hazard.

TENTS:

- The use of membrane structures for cooking activities is restricted to free standing canopies with no sides attached during cooking activities.
- A diagram shall be submitted that includes a floor plan showing the location of the cooking appliances and any fuel sources or supplies.
- The cooking canopy is located no less than 5 feet from any other canopy, tent or structure.
- The canopy fabric is flame resistant, and the applicant has provided the Fire Official with a certification attesting the flame resistance as required by Section 2001.8 of the UFC.
- All cooking equipment placed under the canopy is listed for commercial use. (example: a residential barbecue is not listed for commercial use.
- LP-gas containers are located at the outer edge of the canopy, a minimum of 5 feet from the heat producing appliance. The containers are protected to prevent tampering or damage by vehicles or other hazards. The containers are protected to prevent tampering or damage by vehicles or other hazards. The containers are securely fastened and free of leaks. Safety relief valves are pointed away from the canopy. (Note: Because LP Gas is heavier than air, the Fire Official should look at the ground in the area surrounding the container to

ensure that the ground does not slope down from the container such that gas would collect in a high occupancy area in the event of a leak.)

- Occupancy underneath the canopy is restricted to those persons necessary for food preparation only. Food may be served from the outer edge of the canopy. Suitable barriers should be provided to maintain a distance of not less than 5 feet between areas accessed by the general public and cooking equipment.
- Portable fire extinguisher(s) are provided for each cooking location. The size and type should be determined in accordance with the fire protection requirements of the fire code and its referenced standard, NFPA 10.
- Storage of combustible items required for food preparation or serving is limited.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- All appliances shall be listed and labeled and be approved by the Fire Official.
- No vehicles shall be parked within 5 feet of tents or canopies.
- Suitable barricades shall be provided to maintain a distance of 5 feet between the heat producing device and the public.
- Only lighter fluid shall be used for charcoal grills. Gasoline is prohibited.
- Sterno warmers may be used provided the fuel containers are properly protected from being knocked over and if the fuel containers are properly enclosed within the warmer units.

Failure to meet the above requirements will result in the denial of your permit.

I attest that the above duties are understood and understand that an inspection will be verifying compliance with this document and all referenced codes that may not be contained in this document. I am aware that in the event a violation of the fire code is discovered that changes may have to be implemented.

Agent Name/Vendor Name

Signature

Date