Clark-Cowlitz FIRE RESCUE	**Fire Code Standard** **Mobile Food Vending Units**	
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This standard is intended to reference the applicable rules and regulations related to the use of Mobile Food Vending Units (MFVU) on private and public property. The standard relates to individual food trucks as well as groupings, or pods of food trucks.

References

Section 319, Washington State Fire Code, 2018 Edition, as adopted. (WSFC)

City Ordinance (Woodland, La Center and Ridgefield)

WAC 296-150V

Definitions

- Permanent MFVU: Where a MFVU is permitted by the city, located on a specific public or private property, for a period over 180 days in a calendar year. Site will typically have utilities provided and may have tables for dining, awnings or tents.

Permits

In addition to any state, county or local required permits, CCFR will review through the normal city development review process any MFVUs that are proposed to be placed in a permanent location or where multiple MFVUs are clustered together on the same site. For these above-mentioned scenarios, normal plan check processing fees shall apply as well as annual fire inspection program fees.

Inspections

Once an application for permanent siting of an MFVU is referred to CCFR by the city, the vendor shall coordinate an inspection with CCFR to verify all statements and requirements within the WSFC are provided.

Permanently located MFVUs shall be inspected at least annually by the CCFR, or as deemed necessary.

Location

Mobile Food Vending Units shall be located under permit by the respective city jurisdiction. In addition, food trucks shall meet the following minimum fire and safety requirements:

- Unit shall not be parked, situated or operated in a manner that restricts or blocks emergency vehicle access roadways, access to fire hydrants or fire protection equipment.

- Mobile food vending units shall have a minimum clearance of 10 feet from other vending units, fire hydrants, buildings, structures and combustible materials.

Mobile Food Vending Unit Requirements

Certification

All units meeting the definition of "Food Truck" by the Washington State Department of Labor & Industry shall meet all the requirements of WAC 296-150V and have installed the approved Insignia as provided by WA State Labor & Industry.

Fire Protection

The following forms of fire protection equipment shall be installed in the MFVU as follows:

- One U.L. rated 2A:10BC fire extinguisher mounted inside the unit, visible to occupants and no higher than 5 feet above the floor level.

- If the MFVU has installed a Type I cooking ventilation hood, the Type I hood shall have installed a fixed fire extinguishing system meeting the requirements of N.F.P.A. Standard 96. This system will be serviced every six months.

- MFVU's with a Type I cooking ventilation hood shall have a Class K fire extinguisher mounted in plain view no higher than 5 feet in height.

- All fire extinguishers shall be serviced annual and be in operating condition.

LPG/Natural Gas

Installation

Installation of flammable gas cylinders and gas delivery piping shall be installed per applicable codes and certified by Washington State L & I, per section WAC 296-150V.

No Smoking signs

All MFVUs with flammable gases shall post a “NO SMOKING” sign next to or directly above the propane cylinder and visible to the public.

Maximum Aggregate Quantity

The maximum aggregate capacity of LPG gas cylinders transported on the vehicle or used for outside cooking shall not exceed 200 pounds propane capacity. For Compressed Natural Gas. The maximum Aggregate volume shall not exceed 1,300 pounds water capacity.

Alarms

A listed LP-gas alarm or listed methane alarm, as applicable, shall be installed within the vehicle in the vicinity of the gas system components, in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions.

Solid Fuel

Scope

Solid Fuel is defined as wood, charcoal, or other solid fuel.

Fuel Storage

Solid fuel shall not be stored within 3 feet of any heat producing device, cooking appliance or vent. Solid fuel shall not be stored within 3 feet of any flammable liquids, ignition sources, chemical or food supplies.

Debris

Ash, cinders and other fire debris shall be removed from the firebox or cooking appliance at regular intervals. Removed debris shall be placed in a closed metal container away from combustibles.

Housekeeping

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Trash and other combustible materials shall be removed at regular intervals. Storage of combustible rubbish shall not produce conditions that will create a nuisance or hazard to the public health, safety or welfare.

Clearances

Combustible rubbish shall not be stored, or otherwise located, within 3 feet of any fuel source, ignition source, or heat producing appliance. Rubbish shall not be located within the means of egress of the MFVU.

Waste Receptacles

Unit shall have appropriate waste receptacles at the site of the unit and remove all litter, debris and other waste on a daily basis.

Tents

Permits

Any temporary (less than 180 days) tent over 400 square feet in size and any permanent tent will require a fire permit from CCFR.

Location

All tents shall be no closer than 10 feet from heat producing appliances and cooking areas. Tents shall be no closer than 20 feet to lot lines, buildings, other tents or membrane structures, parked vehicles or internal combustion engines.