



City of Chilliwack Fire Department Mobile Food Vending Requirements

The following is a list of local requirements for all mobile food vendors who wish to operate in the City of Chilliwack.

Vendors are subject to routine inspections from the Chilliwack Fire Department.

Fire Inspections must be conducted a minimum of 3 hours prior to operation. All vendors are subject to routine inspections from the Chilliwack Fire Department.

Vendors who are non-compliant will not be permitted to continue operating.

- 1) The mobile vendor must have a valid City of Chilliwack Business License.
- 2) Provide a Fire Safety Plan in conformance with the BC Fire Code outlining emergency procedures for staff.
- 3) The mobile vendor must be approved by the BC Safety Authority and ensure that all decals are visible. (All documentation pertaining to the insulation, upgrades, inspection, testing and owner's manuals must be in the mobile unit for inspection. **If any alterations have been done to the unit a new inspection and decal are required.**)
- 4) All tents being used in conjunction with the mobile vending must conform to NFPA 705 requirements. The tent must have a visible tag stating that it complies with this requirement.
- 5) Cooking and/or grilling shall not be conducted under tents. All cooking appliance must be at least 1 meter away from tent.
- 6) Cooking appliances must be a minimum of 3 meters from any building or other food vendors.
- 7) A guard/barrier, not less than 1 meter high, must be provided to act as a barrier between the public and cooking appliances. This would not apply if the cooking appliances are located within an enclosed trailer.
- 8) All appliances must be approved commercial appliances. Residential type appliances such as deep fryers will not be accepted.
- 9) Minimum of one 3A10BC rated extinguisher shall be provided and shall be mounted in an acceptable location.
- 10) A type K fire extinguisher must be provided for all deep frying and/or hot oil cooking.
- 11) Fire extinguishers must be serviced and bare a current service tag by an ASTTBC certified technician (Applied Sciences and Technologies Technicians of British Columbia) as per Chilliwack Bylaw.
- 12) Appliances creating grease laden vapors require a kitchen canopy and suppression system conforming to NFPA 96.
 - a) Kitchen canopy require a fixed suppression system to be installed within the unit. The fixed suppression system shall be serviced bi-annually (at the minimum) by an ASTTBC certified technician (Applied Sciences and Technologies Technicians of British Columbia) as per Chilliwack By law.
 - b) Kitchen canopy has been cleaned from filter to fan in conformance with NFPA 96 requirements.
- 13) All spare propane bottles must be secured 3 meters from any cooking appliances or open flame.
- 14) All propane connections must be soap tested prior to igniting appliances to ensure there are no leaks in conformance with BC Gas Code requirements.
- 15) Wood burning appliances are prohibited within the City of Chilliwack.
- 16) Electrical Equipment and components must be maintained and in good working order.
- 17) Generator is grounded in accordance with manufactures specifications.
- 18) Provide a special separation of 3 meters between mobile units prior to igniting appliances.
- 19) All mobile units are required to ensure mobile units are stable and secure prior to igniting appliances.

If you have any questions pertaining to the Fire Department requirements, please contact the City of Chilliwack Fire Prevention Officer at 604-792-8713.