



Fredericksburg Fire Marshal's Office

Fire Code Requirements for Special Events



GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. All Special Events and Vendors shall comply with the 2015 International Fire Code (IFC) as amended, all applicable codes, ordinances and any additional Fire Marshal's Office (FMO) or City requirements.
2. Adequate and unobstructed access for emergency vehicles and personnel (easily removable barricades, cones, etc.) shall be maintained at all times. Fire lanes, fire hydrants and fire protection equipment shall not be obstructed at any time.
3. Crowds and gatherings of 500 or more people indoors or 1,000 or more people outdoors shall comply with IFC Chapter 4. A Public Safety Plan and trained crowd managers may be required.

FOOD TRUCKS/TRAILERS AND COOKING OPERATIONS

1. All vendors cooking on site shall comply with fire code requirements for commercial cooking operations (IFC Section 319).
2.
 - All fire protection equipment shall have been inspected and tagged by a licensed fire protection contractor within the last 12-months (every 6-months for UL300 hood fire suppression systems).
 - Cooking appliances producing grease vapors inside vehicles (fryers, griddles, burners, etc.) shall be protected with a Type I commercial cooking hood and a UL300 hood fire suppression system. Both shall comply with IFC and NFPA requirements.
 - Cooking hoods and appliances shall be clean and free of grease buildup.
 - Fuel-gas systems shall comply with applicable codes and requirements, and have documentation of inspection by a Texas RRC registered contractor or plumber within the last 12-months.
 - A fuel-gas/CO alarm is required inside the vehicle.
 - Fuel-gas tanks shall be secured and protected.
3. Food trucks and trailers shall not be parked within 10-feet of any structure or building, in a fire lane, or within 15-feet of a fire hydrant.
4. A minimum of one 2A:10BC fire extinguisher, with a current inspection tag, is required for all cooking operations, vehicles, trailers and generators. Food trucks and trailers, and any appliances producing grease vapors (fryers, griddles, burners, etc.) shall also have a Class-K fire extinguisher, with a current inspection tag.
5. All open-flame cooking appliances, grills and smokers shall contain all flames, embers and grease run-off, and shall not be located within 10-feet of any combustible materials, structures or buildings. Cooking appliances shall only be accessible by cooking staff, and not be directly accessible to the public.

ELECTRICAL AND HOUSEKEEPING

1. All electrical equipment and generators shall comply with NFPA 70, the National Electrical Code. Extension cords shall be adequate for the device, properly grounded, un-damaged and not create a tripping hazard. No exposed wiring allowed. Generators shall a minimum of 10-feet away from vehicles, structures and buildings, and not be accessible to the public. Generators shall not be re-fueled while running.
2. General housekeeping shall be neat and organized. Combustible and flammable materials shall be a minimum of 36-inches from ignition sources. Trash and waste shall be contained in a proper container and properly disposed of.

TENTS AND MEMBRANE STRUCTURES

1. Tents and membrane structures shall comply with IFC Chapter 31.
2. A label with the size, type of material and fire rating shall be attached to all tents and membrane structures. All tents and membrane structures shall be anchored properly and per the manufacturer's requirements.
 - Illuminated exit signs
 - Egress illumination lights.
 - Minimum of one 2A:10BC fire extinguisher, with current inspection tag.
 - No Smoking signs.
 - 10-foot clearance from buildings and other tents.
 - All electrical wiring and equipment shall comply with NFPA 70 Electrical Code.
 - Unvented, fuel-fired heaters prohibited for use inside enclosed tents and membrane structures. Other heaters require FMO approval.
3. Open flames and cooking prohibited in any size tent or canopy without FMO approval and NFPA 701 compliance.
4. Tents and membrane structures shall not be located in fire lanes or emergency access routes.

ALL VENDORS ARE SUBJECT TO FIELD INSPECTIONS. VENDORS FOUND TO BE NON-COMPLIANT WITH FIRE CODE REQUIREMENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS.