

MOBILE FOOD AND SIDEWALK VENDOR INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

The following information is provided for convenience.

The City of Quesnel Business License Bylaw requires mobile vendors meet a number of requirements including approval from the Health Authority, Liability Insurance, have CSA approved cooking equipment and appliances, and meet Technical Safety BC Regulations. Event organizers must ensure mobile vendors meet these standards.

Fire Services will conduct an inspection of your mobile food and sidewalk vendor unit. *Please be advised that any alterations or modifications to a previously accepted cooking configuration must be re-inspected and approved by Fire Services for a valid Business License.*

Outside Cooking Appliances

Fire Services will not approve outside cooking and grilling of food under tents (e.g. plastic or fabric), tarps or awnings. Outside cooking appliances shall be compliant to manufacture specifications, and have the following public safety requirements:

- Stand-alone stove, burners and self-contained cooking appliances located outside haven been supported as per the manufacture's specifications (i.e. do not place directly on the ground).
- Cooking appliances are not in close proximity to combustible materials.
- A barrier has been provided between patrons and any cooking appliances (i.e. > 1 m in height).

Wood Burning Cooking Appliances

Wood burning cooking appliance(s) shall have the following certification requirement:

- The appropriate certification and/or listing (e.g. CSA, CAN/ULC).

Gas Cooking Appliances

Gas Cooking Appliances shall be constructed, stored, handled and have the following certification requirements:

- Appliance(s) have been constructed to the CAN/CSA B149.1 Natural gas and Propane Installation Code.
- Appliance(s) have been stored and handled using the CAN/CSA B149.2 Propane Storage and Handling Code.
- Food service equipment must show an approved decal from the BC Safety Authority, or certified and labeled by a Certification Organization accredited by the Standards Council of Canada.
- The approved decal(s) has not been tampered. Once a gas product approval decal has been affixed, any gas equipment cannot be modified in any way without a new installation permit(s) and updated decal(s).

Electrical Cooking Appliances

Electrical Cooking Appliances shall be stored, maintained and have the following certification requirements:

- The appropriate certification and/or listing (e.g. CSA, CAN/ULC), or inspection decal from the BC Safety Authority.
- Appliance(s) have been used and maintained to reduce the spread of fire.
- Combustible materials have been kept 1 m away from electrical panels.

Grease Laden Vapor Suppression

Cooking with fats and oils (i.e. animal and vegetable) will create grease laden vapors in a mobile vender unit. To reduce the hazard of these vapors, the mobile vender shall provide the following fire safety requirements:

- Deep fryer is an approved commercial appliance. Residential deep fryers will not be accepted.
- Exhaust and automatic suppression system conforming to NFPA 96 standards. Any enclosed mobile vendor units with the potential to create grease laden vapors will be required to install a kitchen exhaust and suppression system.
- Fixed suppression system(s) have been serviced bi-annually by an approved technician. Service tag is visible for inspection.
- Hoods, grease removal devices, fans and ducts has been cleaned and serviced every 6 months by a qualified service technician. Service tag is visible for inspection.

Fire Suppression

Mobile vendors will provide the following fire suppression methods in their unit:

- Fire suppression instructions have been posted in the cooking area.
- A fire extinguisher with a minimum 2A:10BC rating has been provided and mounted in an unobstructed location. Or, a Type K fire extinguisher for vendors that use oils and fats as a cooking method (i.e. vegetable or animal).
- If the mobile vendor unit has an automatic suppression system, a placard shall be posted near the Type K extinguisher that states: “ The fire protection system shall be actuated prior to using the fire extinguisher”.
- The fire extinguisher must be inspected annually by an approved agency. Service tag is visible for inspection.