



## MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT TRIBAL NATION DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

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### **MOBILE / TEMPORARY FOOD VENDORS**

Mobile / temporary food vendors are required to be inspected annually by Mashantucket Fire & Emergency Services and obtain a permit from Mashantucket Fire & Emergency Services prior to operating at vendor's first event, on the Mashantucket Pequot reservation, during the current calendar year.

No associated Mashantucket Fire & Emergency Services fee for a mobile / temporary food vendor inspection and permit will be required. Permits are free of charge.

Mobile food vehicles (trucks and enclosed trailers) that produce grease laden vapors are required to have a Type I exhaust hood with an approved fire suppression system (Ansul) installed. All hood fire suppression systems shall be inspected by a servicing company every 6 months and properly tagged to indicate such. All Type I exhaust hoods shall be inspected and cleaned by a CT approved hood cleaning company and properly tagged to indicate such. (NFPA 96 – 2012 Edition).

Mobile / temporary food vendors using a liquid or gas fuel for cooking shall have at a minimum a 2A:10-B:C rated portable fire extinguisher. Vendors using a solid fuel source for cooking shall have at a minimum a 6L Class "K" rated portable fire extinguisher.

Mobile / temporary food vendors that have a deep fat fryer shall have at a minimum a 6L Class "K" rated fire extinguisher.

For all mobile / temporary food vendors it is recommended that a minimum one (1) 2A:10-B:C and/or one (1) 6L Class "K" rated portable fire extinguisher(s) be located within or attached to the vending area or vehicle.

Portable fire extinguishers shall be placed in conspicuous locations where they will be readily accessible and immediately available for use. All employees working in the vending area shall be trained in the proper use of the fire extinguishers. Fire extinguishers shall bear a current inspection tag validated within the past 12 months (NFPA 10 – 2012 Edition; and NFPA 96 – 2012 Edition).

Canopies, tents, flap material and temporary structures shall be manufactured from inherently flame resistant material. A certificate from the manufacturer will be required if a label certifying flame resistance is not permanently attached to the canopy, tent, flap material or temporary structure.

Canopies, tents or temporary structures must be free standing and sides may not be fully enclosed during cooking.

Occupancy within the canopy, tent or temporary structure shall be limited to those persons involved in the food preparation. Food should be served at the outer edge of the canopy, tent or temporary structure.

Cooking equipment should be listed for commercial use.

“Backyard” cooking grills shall be properly labeled, in good working condition, and have the LP-gas tank properly attached. Systems that have been modified from the original design shall not be permitted unless the modification has been U.L. approved.

LP-gas tanks shall not exceed 100 lbs. in the aggregate.

Use and storage of LP-gas >42 lbs. aggregate capacity, unless vehicle mounted for use, requires a permit from the Mashantucket Fire & Emergency Services.

LP-gas tanks shall be hydrostatic tested within 12 years or they will not be allowed to be placed in service and must be removed from the event location. (NFPA 58 – 2012 Edition).

LP-gas tanks shall be: located at the back of the vending area; at the outer edge of the canopy, tent or temporary structure; a minimum of 5 feet from the heat producing appliance; away from areas open to the public; placed on a level surface and properly secured and protected (unless vehicle mounted) to prevent tipping/tampering/damage; and position such that safety relief valves are pointed away from the canopy, tent or temporary structure and heating appliance.

Generators must be U.L. listed with proof of such on unit and located on the ground away from any vehicle, structure, and public way.

Excess fuel for generator is to be properly stored in approved containers and maintained at least 50' from ignition sources.

Electrical/extension cords shall be plugged directly into an approved receptacle except for approved multi-plug extension cords and shall serve only one portable appliance. No “pigtailed”, splicing or “daisy chaining” allowed.

Electrical/extension cords shall be: maintained in condition without splices, deterioration or damage; grounded when serving grounded portable appliances; protected from physical damage and from becoming a trip hazard.

Electrical/extension cords shall be U.L. listed electrical cords rated for outdoor use. **NO HOUSEHOLD OR NON-WEATHER TIGHT POWER CORDS WILL BE PERMITTED.** All electrical wiring and devices shall be in compliance with the National Electrical Code. NFPA 72.

Mobile / temporary food vendors are aware that event day inspections by Mashantucket Fire & Emergency Services Inspector (Fire Prevention Officer) resulting in violation(s) of previous inspection(s) will be: cause for revocation of vendors permit from Fire Department and closing of business operations until such time as the proper corrective measures have been taken and re-inspected by the Mashantucket Fire & Emergency Services.

Violations and/or non-compliance with maintenance/servicing/cleaning/inspection of required equipment will result in non-criminal citation(s) under Mashantucket laws-regulations Code Violations.