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To: All Mobile Food Truck Operators

**Subject:** New Requirements Ventilation Hoods and Suppression Systems in Mobile Enclosed Units (Food Trucks)

The State of New Jersey has updated the Uniform Fire Code, and in accordance with N.J.A.C 5:70-4.7(g) 3, Effective July 1, 2018. All Mobile Food Trucks, where during their cooking operations produce grease laden vapors shall be equipped with a ventilating hood, duct, and automatic fire suppression system designed and installed in accordance with the applicable requirements of NFPA 96.

*A mobile enclosed unit is defined as: A unit of closed construction designed to be driven or towed from place to place, which includes commercial cooking equipment producing grease-laden vapors and which allows for occupancy by the operator. Also known as "mobile canteen."*

What this means to you as a Food Truck Operator is that as of the Effective date **ALL** Fire Safety Permit approvals will be dependent on compliance with these new regulations.

Food trucks will be required to be in compliance with the following where applicable.

1. A Current Hood Cleaning Report must be available, at the time of the inspection. Hoods need to be clean and free of excess grease accumulation. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 904.11.6.3, and N.F.P.A. 96.
2. A Suppression System Inspection Report (Form NJFS 17A) showing that the system was serviced within the last 6 months, must be available, at the time of the inspection. The system must also be tagged by the company that performed the inspection. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 904.11.6.4
3. When deep fryers are present, a portable Class K fire extinguisher of a minimum 1.5 gallon (6L) capacity will be **mounted** in the vehicle. In accordance with N.J.A.C 5:70-3, 904.11.5.2 (Depending on the size of your unit and operation more than one may be required.)
4. All solid fuel cooking appliances, whether or not under a hood, with fireboxes 5 cubic feet (0.14 m3) or less in volume shall have a minimum 2.5 gallon (9L) or two 1.5 gallon (6L) Class "K" wet-chemical portable fire extinguishers located in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 904.11.5
5. A **2A:10B:C** Rated Fire Extinguisher with current inspection tag will also be **mounted** in the vehicle and readily accessible to the operator.
6. All gas fittings must be tight and free from leaks, a leak test will be performed prior to the beginning of your operations. **Do not light burners prior to being told to do so by the Inspector.** For the safety of the Inspector, if your equipment is hot you may have to shut it down and allow it to cool prior to inspection.

Failure to meet the above requirements **will** result in the denial of your permit.

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