

FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DIVISION

BENICIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

POLICY C

SUBJECT: OUTSIDE EXHIBITION-FOOD BOOTH OPERATIONS

The Benicia Fire Department developed this policy pursuant to Chapter 1, Section 101 of the California Fire Code as adopted by Ordinance 09-73. It is intended that this policy be used as a guide for establishing a reasonable degree of fire and life safety relative to food booth operations.

PERMIT INFORMATION

Permit required. A permit for conducting an outside exhibition shall accompany the food booth operations where applicable. Such permit shall not take the place of any license or other permit(s) required by law. Requirements shall be maintained throughout the duration of event (105) CFC

Application. Food booth operations application shall be made through the Fire Prevention Bureau in such form and detail, with attached plans as required, a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the event. Applicants shall list all vendors and shall complete all applicable elements of the application on page 4 of this document, for each vendor (105) CFC

Inspection. An inspection is required prior to granting approval for the use of any food booth. Where laws or regulations are enforceable by other agencies or departments, joint approval shall be obtained. Fire Department permit/inspections require 5 working days notice for scheduling. Inspections are scheduled by calling 707-746-4275 during regular business hours. (105) CFC

Supplemental Regulations – Revocation. Food booth operations not in compliance with Benicia Fire Department policies, procedures and regulations shall result in suspension of food booth operation and activities.

Site Plan. A food booth operations layout plan shall be submitted with permit application. The submitted plan shall be a detailed sketch relatively drawn to scale. The plan shall clearly identify adjacent structures or uses, property lines, fire protection equipment, emergency vehicle access, amusement rides, other food booth operations, concession booths, and generator locations. The plan shall also show the locations of all “approved” interior cooking appliance(s) and required exits or exit pathways. Where street closures are proposed, provide verification of closure or other permit(s) from the Benicia Police Department.

General

All food/cooking booths shall be located no closer than 20 feet to: buildings, lot lines and vehicles (i.e., display only booths) (2403.8.2) CFC

Food booth operations utilizing tents over 200 square feet or canopies over 400 square feet shall also comply with Benicia Municipal Code (2401). CFC

All cooking booths utilizing tents or canopies are required to be manufactured fire retardant with tags affixed to the membrane **or** materials treated with an approved flame retardant and shall be maintained in fire resistant condition. **Note:** Fire Department personnel may test membranes, without tags, in the field. (Article 4) CCR T19

An Emergency Vehicle Access (EVA) shall be provided and maintained providing a minimum 20-foot wide, 13.5 foot high unobstructed clearance between rows of booths, displays, exhibits or any other structures that are part of the event. (503.1) CFC

Decorative materials shall be labeled "fire resistive" by a State Fire Marshal seal or be treated and maintained in a flame-retardant condition by means of a flame-retardant solution or process approved by the Fire Department. (Chapter 8, Article 1 CCR) Title 19

Smoking is prohibited within all booths, tents, or canopies (2404.6) CFC

FOOD BOOTH OPERATIONS INVOLVING DEEP FAT FRYING

It should be recognized these provisions have been significantly modified to permit limited use of deep fat frying operations inside food booths. These modifications have been made conditionally for Solano County Health Services and the California Health and Safety Code requiring that deep fat frying operations be conducted within an approved fully enclosed booth.

It should be further recognized that deep fat frying operations inside booths and/or tents is potentially hazardous.

Food booths conducting deep fat frying operations shall comply with the following:

Deep fat frying operations shall only be permitted in a minimum 10 x 10 foot booth. Booths, if formed by tents or canopies, shall be certified flame retardant and have attached California State Fire Marshal flame-retardant label.

Two exits are required from food booths with deep fat frying operations and shall be located at opposite ends of the booth. Both exits may exit out the backside of booth.

Deep fat frying operations is limited to a maximum of 10 gallons of cooking grease.

Deep fat frying appliance(s) shall have a minimum **18-inch clearance from booth walls.**

Deep fat frying appliance(s) shall have a 36 inch working clearance around the front and both sides at all times.

Deep fat frying appliance(s) shall be located no closer than 3 feet to an exit.

Surfaces shall be kept clean of any residual grease build up.

Booths where deep fat frying operations are being performed require one type "**K**" rated portable fire extinguisher.

COOKING OPERATIONS

All weeds and dry vegetation shall be cleared a minimum of 20 feet from all booths, amusement rides, operating equipment, or other event operations (2404.5) CFC

All cooking and heating operations shall maintain a clearance of 18 inches between appliances and the interior walls of the tent, canopy fabrics and/or other combustible materials (Article 4) CCRT19

All exits shall be a minimum 36 inches in width and shall be clear of obstructions. (2403.12.2) CFC

All cooking appliances when used inside of a booth or tent shall be FM, UL or NSF evaluated and approved. All cooking appliances shall have an affixed label from FM, UL, NSF or documentation from the appliance manufacturer indicating the cooking appliance has been approved for this use. (904.11) CFC

STERNO when used shall be maintained in an approved holder and shall not be in contact with paper and/or cloth materials (308) CFC

Only commercially sold and packaged lighter fluids or electric starters shall be used (308) CFC

Cooking appliances utilizing charcoal or wood shall be located outside food booths a minimum 36 inches from the exterior walls of the booth and other combustible materials (308.3.1) CFC

Clean all cooking surfaces regularly to reduce accumulations of grease (904.11.6.3) CFC

LPG (Liquid petroleum Gas)

LPG fuel cylinders are prohibited inside booths, canopies and tents (3803.2.1.1) CFC

LPG fuel cylinders in use shall be secured in an upright position, protected from accidental damage or tampering, and having the tank shut off valve accessible (3809.3) CFC

LPG fuel cylinders not in use shall be turned off and shall be stored a minimum 20 feet from booths and secured in an upright position and protected from accidental damage or tampering (5.4.3) NFPA 58

Portable cylinders shall be of adequate capacity to permit uninterrupted operations during normal operating hours. Changing cylinders shall be conducted only when the appliance is not in use and cooled down sufficiently to inhibit ignition of vapors (3807.2) CFC

NOTE: Manifolding of cylinders together is prohibited. (3.4.8.4) NFPA 58

Individual propane and/or LPG fuel cylinders shall not exceed 25-gallon water capacity or 100 pounds and are prohibited inside all booths, tents, or canopies. Propane cylinders shall be equipped with safety devices (3807.1) CFC

Regulators, hoses, piping, valves and fittings shall be "approved" or "listed" for their intended use (3805.1) CFC

VENDOR BOOTH OPERATIONS PERMIT APPLICATION

EVENT: _____ Date(s): _____

Booth Sponsor: _____ Booth # _____

Booth Operator: _____ Telephone # _____

Responsible Person: _____ Telephone # _____

Dates and Hours of Food Booth Operations: _____

Type(s) of Food Being Served: _____

Generator Fuel Type: _____

Cooking Appliances:

Type of appliance/cooker: Bar-B-Q / Deep Fat Fryer/ Wok / Skillet/Hot plate
(Circle all that apply)

Fuel type: Charcoal / Wood / Electrical / LPG
(Circle all that apply)

Fire extinguisher type: Class 2A10BC/Class K
(Circle all that apply)

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ATTACHED Food Booth Operations requirements and agree to abide by all conditions required by the Fire Department. A copy of this permit application shall be posted within the tent, canopy or booth or otherwise be available for the Fire Department to sign.

I further understand there will be no exceptions or modifications to these requirements the day of the event. Failure to comply with Fire Department regulations shall result in immediately closure of booth and revocation of your permit. Any questions or requests regarding exceptions or modifications must be submitted with supporting documentation at time of Permit Application to the Fire and Life Safety Division a minimum 2-weeks prior to the event. A copy of this permit application shall be provided to the event organizer.

Responsible Person _____ Date _____

For further information please call the Benicia Fire Department at (707) 746-4273

FIRE PROTECTION APPLIANCES

All food booth operations shall have a minimum of one 2A-10BC rated fire extinguisher. (This is in addition to the "K" type extinguisher required for deep fat frying operations) (2404.12) CFC

Fire extinguishers must be out of the box, clearly visible, readily accessible, and located adjacent to exits or exit pathways, no closer than 2 feet of cooking appliances (1-6.3) NFPA 10

Fire extinguishers shall have been purchased or serviced within the past 12 months. Proof of service shall be by certified tag, dated cash register receipt or manufacturer date stamp on fire extinguisher. (4-5.1.1) NFPA 10

Fire extinguisher gauge shall register in the operable green range. Plastic seal indicator on the pull pin shall be in place (4-3.2) NFPA 10

Food booth operations shall not obstruct fire hydrants. (508.5.4) CFC

ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS

All electrical equipment and installations shall comply with the Electrical Code. A Building Department Electrical Permit is required for new wiring NFPA 70.

All electrical appliances, cords, and lighting fixtures shall be in good repair and UL listed for exterior use NFPA 70.

MISCELLANEOUS FIRE SAFETY MEASURES

Remove combustible trash accumulations from in and around booth regularly (2404.5) CFC

Internal combustion power sources shall be isolated from contact with the public by physical guards, fencing, or an enclosure. (2404.19) CFC

Gasoline fueled appliances, equipment, and motor vehicles are prohibited within 20 feet of any booth. (2404.19) CFC

