



LOWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT FOOD VENDOR REQUIREMENTS



THE FOLLOWING IS REQUIRED IF COOKING DURING EVENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF LOWELL:

- Permit issued by Fire Department (if cooking with propane)
- Lowell Fire Inspection (See Note A)
- Permit Fee (\$50.00)
- One of the two following extinguishers per cooking appliance and food type is required:

K-type extinguisher Minimum size 6 Liter, 1.5 Gallon type (example below) is required if:

- Cooking with oil, animal fat or using deep fat fryers to include woks
- Any cooking that produces grease laden vapors. (Burgers, Sausages, cheese steaks, Pork etc...)

ABC type extinguisher minimum size 5 lb. (example below) required:

- Cooking non-grease laden vapor producing food
- Using warmers, Sterno tray warmers, stew pots for soups and crockpots
- When cooking *without* grease, animal fat and oil

NOTE: If using a charcoal grill the vendor must have a metal can/barrel to properly dispose spent ashes

INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS:

- On the day of the event all propane tanks will be checked for leaks after set up. The inspector will ensure a K-type extinguisher is present that meets the minimum size above. If a tank is found to be leaking, it shall immediately be taken out of service. Cooking will not be permitted until all leaks are resolved. It is the responsibility of the vendor to switch tanks.
- Propane tanks shall be secured to prevent accidental tipping either by placement in a milk crate or similar sturdy container, tied to a secure object or attached to the grill.
- Cooking appliances must be used in safe manner as to not create a condition to promote the spread of fire

FOOD TRUCK REQUIREMENTS:

- Yearly Permit
- Lowell Fire Inspection
- Permit Fee (\$40)
- Valid Registration and Inspection Sticker
- Health Department Inspection (See Note B)

NOTE A: If an inspection is required for a large number of vendors or after business hours an inspection detail may be required at an additional cost. Call Lowell Fire Prevention for details @ 978-459-5554

NOTE B: Health Department Office located at 375 Merrimack St. Lowell City Hall, Phone: 978-674-4010

K-Type Extinguisher Example:



5lb. ABC Type Extinguisher Example:



Secured Propane Tank Example:

