



Mount Dora Fire Department Guidelines for Food Vendors Utilizing Propane under Tents or Canopies

All food vendors must be inspected for safety. Food vendors using **tents** (this term shall be used to indicate temporary structures, tents and/or canopies), must fill out a permit form at least 30 days prior to the special event. The permit is only valid for that single event. Inspections will be conducted the first day of the event and as needed thereafter.

This document is designed as a guide for food vendors to assist them in satisfying the safety concerns of the City of Mount Dora. There may be other requirements that may surface at the time of inspection. For more information on specific requirements, refer to the Florida Fire Prevention Code and the City of Mount Dora Ordinances.

Location

- Each tent must be located a minimum of 15 feet away from any permanent structure.
- Vehicles must be parked a minimum of 20 feet from each tent.
- Tents shall have a minimum of 10 feet clearance on two sides and shall not be located within 10 feet of amusement rides or devices.

Electricity

- All electrical cords and equipment shall be in good repair.

Design Construction/Plan Review

- Any cooking under a tent needs prior approval and inspection.
- There shall be no seating for patrons under any tent used for cooking.
- Cooking under tents will be permitted ONLY when a manufacturer's flame retardant tag is affixed to the tent, the tent is not enclosed (on any side), and only persons preparing food are permitted under the tent. Any tent that fails to have the affixed flame retardant tag may not be used to cook under. (Additional information may be required).
- Tents may be up to 30 feet in length. For every ten feet of tent frontage there must be a clear path of egress for workers.

Propane

- A maximum of 2 – 100 lb. propane cylinders are allowed. One is allowed for use and one as a spare.
- Propane cylinders must be requalified every 12 years. A current date of manufacture on new cylinders or a requalification stamp is required on all other cylinders.
- Always check your LPG connections and for any leaks.
- LPG shall be metered for leakage prior to use.
- Propane appliances must have LPG stamped on their hoses.
- All propane cylinders should be located outside the tent and secured properly.
- Propane bottles must be placed securely at the rear of the tent for emergency access. Emergency access must not require tent entry.
- Fryers must be placed at the rear of the tent and NOT next to the propane cylinder.
- Spare propane cylinders are not allowed in the tents.

Grills and Pits

- No grilling with charcoal or wood is allowed under any tents.
- Any solid fuel appliances shall have a cover (grills and pits)
- Outside BBQ pits with stacks must have a 5 foot clear circumference from combustibles, a 15 foot clearance above the stacks and a distance of 10 feet from any permanent structure.
- Homemade LPG appliances will be inspected individually and may not be authorized without an engineer's certificate.

Fire Extinguishers

- Each tent will be required to have a proper fire extinguisher inside the tent. (2A10BC).
- Each fire extinguisher will need to be serviced and inspected annually and maintain a current tag confirming status.
- Vendors using a deep fryer will be required to have a Class K fire extinguisher in addition to the 2A10BC.