

## Permit Requirements to Operate A Mobile Food Preparation Vehicle

# Kern County Fire Department



Office of the Fire Marshal ~ Fire Prevention  
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Please include completed Application for Permit (KCFD 200) with submittal

**Fee Amount: \$145.00 annually**

**Fee Code: 2.15**

**Mobile Food Preparation Vehicles equipped with appliances that produce smoke or grease-laden vapors. CFC 319**

The intent of this document is to aid in the construction permitting process including Change of Use/Occupancy for Mobile Food Preparation Vehicles within commercial buildings or tenant spaces regarding what should be submitted for the Fire Marshal's Office review. Mobile food preparation vehicles that are equipped with appliances that produce smoke or grease-laden vapors shall comply with California Fire Code Chapter 3 section 319 subsections 319.1 – 319.10.3.

1. Permits for Mobile Food Preparation Vehicles shall be applied for at 2820 M St., Bakersfield, CA 93301.
2. Fee shall be submitted at time of application submittal. Make check payable to Kern County Fire Department. **Visa and MasterCard accepted.**
3. **Exhaust Hood.** Cooking equipment that produces grease-laden vapors shall be provided with a kitchen exhaust hood in accordance with CFC Section 607. **(CFC) 319.3** The exhaust system shall be inspected and cleaned in accordance within CFC Section 607.3.
4. **Fire Protection for Cooking equipment.** Cooking equipment shall be protected by automatic fire extinguishing systems in accordance with CFC Sections 904.4.1 and 319.4.2. Fire extinguishers shall be provided in accordance with CFC Section 906.4. Fire protection systems shall be maintained in accordance with CFC Section 901.6. **An audio/visual alarm device shall be installed to indicate when the fire protection system is activated, CFC 904.3.4.**
5. **Appliance connection to fuel supply piping.** Gas cooking appliances shall be secured in place and connected to fuel-supply piping with an appliance connector complying with ANSI Z21.69/CSA 6.16. The connector installation shall be configured in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions. Movement of appliances shall be limited by the restraining devices installed in accordance with the connector and appliance manufactures' instructions.
6. **Cooking Oil Storage Containers.** Cooking oil storage containers within mobile food preparation vehicles shall have a maximum aggregate volume not more than 120 gallons and shall be stored in such a way as to not be toppled or damaged during transport.
7. **Cooking Oil Storage Tanks.** Cooking oil storage tanks within mobile food preparation vehicles shall comply with CFC Sections 319.7.1 through 319.7.5.2. Metallic storage tanks shall be listed in accordance with UL80 or UL142 and shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Nonmetallic storage tanks shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall be listed for use with cooking oil and the maximum temperature to which the tank will be exposed during use. Tank capacity shall not exceed 200 gallons. See CFC 319.7 through 319.7.5.2.
8. **LP-Gas Systems.** Where LP-gas systems provide fuel for cooking appliances only, they shall not exceed 200 pounds propane capacity. Annual Inspections of the LP-gas tanks shall be made by an approved inspection agency or a company that is registered with the U.S. Department of Transportation. See CFC 319.8 through 319.8.4.

9. **LP-Gas Alarms.** A listed LP-gas alarm shall be installed within the vehicle in the vicinity of LP-gas system components.
10. **CNG systems.** CNG systems that provide fuel for cooking appliances shall comply with CFC Sections 319.9 through 319.9.4

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