THE CITY OF COLUMBUS DIVISION OF FIRE	Code Compliance Guideline	
	MFV Safety Inspection Requirements	
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	****Permit Required****	

COLUMBUS FIRE DIVISION WILL NOT DO A SAFETY INSPECTION FOR LICENSURE ON ANY MOBILE FOOD UNIT NOT MEETING THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM CRITERIA LISTED BELOW.

- ☐ All Mobile Food Vending Units must arrive ready for operation with propane tanks.
- ☐ All systems must be prepared to demonstrate: cooking, electrical, and ventilation.
- ☐ Propane Pressure Leak Test completed within one year of the date of license renewal.
- ☐ Carbon Monoxide Detector - Battery Backup preferable.
- ☐ Hand-held UL listed Flammable Gas Leak Detector.
- ☐ 1-5lb ABC Dry Chemical Portable Fire Extinguisher. (906.2 OFC}
- ☐ 1-1.6Gal / 6L Class K Extinguisher is required for Units cooking with solid fuels, vegetable oils and fats, and animal oils and fats. (904.12.5.1 OFC)

ALL EXTINGUISHERS MUST HAVE A CURRENT (WITHIN 12 MONTHS) INSPECTION TAG WITHIN THE LAST 12 MONTHS

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☐ **General:**
320.2.3 -carbon monoxide detector
cc -fire inspection form from License section
cc -propane pressure leak test

☐ **Portable Fire Extinguishers:**
320.3 - 5lb ABC
320.3.1 - 6 Liter K extinguisher need with fryer
320.3.2 - Extinguishers checked annually

☐ **Egress:**
320.4 -Two means of egress
320.4.1 -None smaller than 5.7 sq-ft

☐ **Smoking:**
320.5.1 - NO SMOKING signs inside and outside, signs shall be contrasting colors

☐ **Electrical:**
320.9.2 -No exposed wires
320.9.1 -No openings in panel
319.4.1 - Fire Suppression system (vehicles manufactured or initially titled on or after May 1 2026)

☐ **Piping and Connectors:**
320.6.3 -Piping is ANSI Z21-69-2015/CSA

☐ **Emergency Shut off Controls:**
320.6.4 -Distinguishable shut off valve controls
320.6.4 -1/4 turn valve ball valve

☐ **Signage:**
320.6.5 -EMERGENCY GAS SHUT-OFF VALVE
320.5.1 -NO SMOKING & PROPANE
visible from 25 feet with contrasting colors

☐ **LP gas:**
320.6.1 -types ASME
320.6.2 -secured
320.6.1 -shall not exceed 200 LBS aggregate
320.6.2 -weather protection for cylinder val

☐ **Code Compliance:**
609.2 - commercial hood system with ventilat
cc -gas leak detector
cc -secured appliances
cc -cooking separation

☐ 609.1-609.3.3.3.1 - All hood systems require 1 annual inspection/cleaned per calendar year.

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The Columbus Fire Department Inspection is an operational safety inspection only of the MFV unit on the date that it is inspected. It is not an approval of the design, construction, road worthiness, or an indication of the long term safety of its combined elements. It is advised that work be constructed and installed by licensed bonded professionals in accordance with NFPA, DOT, and Ohio Fire Code Standards.

Conditional Operational Guidelines

Inspectors are to use these guidelines to aid in their inspection process.

Trailers- Units using an open platform on either end of the unit (units smoking, grilling, deep frying or using a wok) shall comply with the following:

1) If cooking appliances are permanently secured to the platform and exposed to the elements, ONLY exterior rated flexible tubing or hard pipe connections shall be allowed.

2) If cooking appliances are secured inside the MFV when not in use, ONLY flexible connections that meet or exceed ANSI Z21.69/CSA 6.16 shall be used. In addition, the flexible line shall be disconnected and stored inside with appliance when not in use as not to be exposed to the elements.

3) Three sides of the outdoor operation shall be open-air during operations.

regularly, to reduce the risk of ignition of a combustible collection of grease.

5) Deep fryer application with these units will be judged on a case-by-case

Type-1 hood system is required.

Trucks and Trailers- Vendors that use the service window as a means of egress must meet the following requirements.

> Egress shall be no smaller than 5.7 sq.ft.
> Egress shall be open and unobstructed during operations.
> Egress shall not require special knowledge to utilize.