Tucson Fire Department
Cooking Booth Information

General

- All fabrics or membranes covering cooking booths shall be composed of flame-resistant material or be treated with a flame retardant.

- All tent and booth structures shall be anchored adequately.

- Combustible materials shall not be allowed to accumulate so as to cause a fire hazard.

- All extension cords shall be of the 3-wire grounded type and shall be protected from foot traffic.

Cooking/Heating Equipment

- Only electrically powered warming devices shall be used within vendor booths or in tents and membrane structures.

- Open flame cooking devices, fryers or any appliance that creates grease vapors shall not be used within booths or tents that have coverings (ceiling). This includes under any tarp or other shade device.
  - These devices may be used within cooking booths that have no covering (ceiling).

- All appliances that generate heat shall be shielded (barrier and/or separation) to prevent any physical contact from the public.

- Cooking/Heating devices shall be kept away from any combustible materials. The distance shall be dependent on the size of the cooking equipment and shall be approved by the fire code official.

- Gel fuel (Sterno) warming trays used under food trays for heating and warming foods shall be separated from combustibles and must be placed on a non-combustible surface (you may cover the surface with a sheet of foil).

LPG (Liquefied Petroleum Gas)

- LPG gas cylinders shall be outside the cooking booth/tent. Extra cylinders shall be kept in a secure location and be protected against tampering.

- All LPG equipment connections shall be tested for leaks prior to use. This may be done with a soap and water solution.

- LPG tanks shall be secured in the upright position; whether in use or storage.

Fire Extinguishers

- All cooking/heating operations shall have a minimum 2-A:10-BC rated fire extinguisher.

- Deep frying operations (commercial fryers, large woks) a Class K (silver) portable fire extinguisher shall be provided in addition to an ABC extinguisher required for your other operations.

- All extinguishers must be tagged and have been tested within the last year.

- All extinguishers shall be located in a conspicuous location and be readily accessible for immediate use.

- Extinguishers shall be unobstructed and shall not be obscured from view.

* Additional fire and life safety requirements may be necessary depending on the particular situation. These requirements will be at the discretion of the Fire Code Official. During fire department inspection vendors should be prepared to make any necessary changes immediately in order to comply with these requirements.

STOP WORK ORDER

Failure to be in compliance with these or any Fire Code requirement may result in a STOP WORK ORDER being issued.

Note: Removal of the Order may take 24 hours.