



# CITY OF KYLE

## Building and Code Services

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### April 22, 2024, Mobile Food Vending Unit (MFVU) Checklist

The City of Kyle requires an annual inspection for each Mobile Food Vending Unit operating within the City Limits. This inspection is a general fire/life safety inspection of the MFVU. It is not an approval of the MFVU's structural design, or roadworthiness. The City of Kyle reserves the right to modify the requirements for MFVU's based upon future code adoptions, amendments or on future identified risks to the operators and/or the public. The City of Kyle's Building and Code Services Division has provided the following guidelines as a tool to ensure all mobile vending units meet the minimum safety standards. While this list may not be inclusive of all safety requirements, it should be used as a guide to ensure your vehicle meets the minimum requirements. Prior to having your unit inspected, please ensure that your mobile vending unit has met these conditions:

#### **Location of Mobile Units:**

- Units shall not be closer than 10 feet to any structure.
- All Mobile Units must remain at least 15 feet away from any fire hydrant.
- Mobile Units shall not block access to a Fire Department Connection (FDC).
- Mobile Units shall not obstruct any entrances or exits from a structure.
- Exits of mobile units shall not be obstructed.

#### **Electrical:**

- Mobile Units shall not use electricity from an adjacent structures.
  - Exception: If written permission is obtained from the structure's owner and approved extension cord is used, temporary use shall be permitted.
  - Flexible cords shall not be used for permanent wiring, or for running through doors, windows, or cabinets, or concealed within walls, floors, or ceilings.
- No receptacles within 6 ft. of water source, sink, faucet, or hose bib.
- No multiplug adapters may be used unless surge protection is provided.
- Extension cords are only for temporary use and shall not be used for permanent wiring, or for running through doors, windows, or cabinets, or concealed within walls, floors, or ceilings.
- Breaker boxes and junction boxes shall have approved cover.
- All wiring must be contained in conduit and/or approved electrical boxes w/approved covers.
- Improper use of electrical accessories and overloading of circuits is prohibited.

#### **Propane Cylinders:**

- A maximum of three propane cylinders are totaling 84 lbs. or 2 totaling 100 lbs.
- All appliances utilizing Liquefied Propane (L.P.) shall be listed for use with L.P. gas.
- Propane cylinders shall not be manifolded together.
- Propane cylinders need to be requalified every 12 yrs. And a current date of manufacture if new or requalification stamp is required on all cylinders.
- Cylinders must be in an upright position.
- Cylinders should be in good condition without dents, scrapes, gouges, or defects.
- Propane cylinders should be stored at least 10 ft. away from trash and combustible materials.
- Cylinders must be constructed and marked in accordance with specifications for propane cylinder cylinders in the U.S. Department of Transportation. Propane Cylinder Location:
- Propane cylinders (Including spares) shall not be located:
  - On rear bumpers, on exterior sides of vehicle, or roofs
  - Below the lowest part of the vehicle frame
  - Inside improperly vented or unvented trunks or beds of vehicles
  - Inside passenger compartments of vehicles
  - On ground.
- The propane storage compartment shall be ventilated with at least two vents (one top of compartment and one bottom of compartment), each vent having an aggregate area equal to at least .5 square inches for each 7 lbs. of the total propane fuel capacity of the maximum number of the largest cylinders the compartment can hold.
- Vendors will be required to have propane cylinders on their vehicle to demonstrate how cylinders are secured to vehicle.
- Propane cylinders must be secured to prevent propane bottle(s) from leaving the mount or cage in the event of vehicle crash or rollover.
- Propane piping cannot be located on sides, rear or roof of unit.
- Combination Smoke & Carbon Monoxide detector must be provided inside each MFVU.

### **Fire Extinguishers:**

- Each Mobile Unit will be required to have a proper fire extinguisher inside their vehicle (2A10BC fire extinguisher).
- Cooking equipment involving solid fuels or vegetable, or animal oils and fats shall be protected by a class K rated portable fire extinguisher.
- Each fire extinguisher will need to be mounted in a conspicuous location where it can be located quickly.
- Each fire extinguisher will need to be serviced annually and maintain a current tag confirming its status.
- Solid fuel appliances with a fire box are required to have one 2.5 gallon or two 1.5-gallon K type extinguishers.

### **Generators:**

- Generators must be in safe working condition and properly grounded.
- Must be properly mounted or located more than 12 ft. from combustible or public areas.
- Generator should not be refueled when generator is in operation or within 20 ft. of MFV unit.

**City Of Kyles Ordinances for Mobile Food Vending Units:**

- All Mobile Food Vending Units shall comply with **Chapter 11, Article IV, - Peddlers, Solicitors and Vendors** and any other ordinance applicable to their unit. Failure to comply with this ordinance can result in fines up \$2000 per day per violation.
- All Mobile Food Vending Units/trailers required have a current state vehicle registration to the inspection.
  - Exception: Hand carts and other vehicles not subject to state vehicle registration requirements.

For additional questions, please contact **All-Building@cityofkyle.com**