

## Houston Fire Department Information for Mobile Food Units

- An annual or temporary LP-Gas permit is required for mobile food units (MFU) using LP Gas for commercial cooking. Any other mobile food units at the same property address will also be required to have their own individual permit. Permit fee is **\$225.14**, office located at 1002 Washington Avenue.
- The annual LP-Gas permit must be approved by the Houston Fire Marshal's Office **within 90 calendar days of purchase** (application receipt).
- An approved inspection sticker valid for 12 months must be displayed on all LP-Gas appliances (Stoves, Fryers, etc.) indicating that a licensed LP-Gas company has inspected the equipment. Present a valid report for gas inspection **uniquely identifying the MFU using a VIN or License plate**.
- The LP-Gas system inspection must be approved by the Houston Fire Marshal's Office **within 90 calendar days** of the date printed on the LP-Gas system inspection report.
- All LP-Gas appliances shall be secured to the MFU so to reduce gas line separation or damage in the event of an accident.
- All unused LP-Gas Lines shall be plugged or capped off.
- All (MFU) shall carry a (3A-40BC minimum) Fire Extinguisher. In addition, a Type K portable extinguisher shall also be carried in the MFU when deep-fry cooking is used involving vegetable oils or animal oils. Both fire extinguishers shall have current annual inspection date tag. The inspection tag must not be within **2 weeks** of expiration.
- Beginning **January 1, 2023**, all (MFU) with cooking equipment shall be protected by an automatic fire extinguishing system. This System must have a **current inspection date tag** not to be older than 6 months. Note: the automatic fire extinguishing system must be inspected every **6 months**. The inspection tag must not be within **2 weeks** of expiration.
- A Gas shutoff valve shall be located on the outside of the unit and shall be easily accessible in the case of emergency. **"Emergency Shutoff Valve"** signs approved by the fire marshal shall be visible near the shutoff valve.
- **"No Smoking"** signs approved by the Fire Marshal shall be visible near propane containers. No Smoking signs shall be provided in **English and Spanish**.
- An approved ventilation system shall be installed over cooking equipment. Hoods shall be operated at the required rate of air movement. Classified grease filters shall be in place and cleaned as needed.
- Ventilation system shall provide complete coverage over all cooking equipment with no gaps, missing filters or solid metal pieces that are replacing extractor filters.
- All LP-gas containers (**empty or full**) shall be secured in an upright position in such a manner as not to fall over. All MFU shall be position in a manner that will reduce the exposure of the LP-Gas cylinder to vehicle impact. Do not park MFU with LP gas cylinders facing oncoming traffic. Always utilize available protection for LP gas cylinders such as fences or barricades.
- LP Gas containers shall be secure in a **fixed storage** and positioned so that liquid does not cover the pressure relieve valve on. This shall be applicable to all LP gas containers observed during inspections. **Do not bring propane or gasoline containers inside the MFU nor on the vehicle hauling the MFU as this will cause a forfeiture of your inspection.**
- Provide ventilation near the bottom of the LP-Storage.
- Protect the flexible hose with a rubber grommet or with something comparable.
- All MFU's shall be **LIMITED TO an aggregate of 200 pounds of LP-Gas except when operating in special events where MFUs are less than 25 feet apart, or in DOL 1 or DOL 2. When approved to operate in special events where MFUs are less than 25 feet apart, or in DOL 1 or in DOL 2 areas, all MFUs shall be limited to 100 Pounds of LP-gas.**

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- MFUs that use any amount of LP-gas shall not operate such unit within 25 feet of any part of another MFU using LP-gas, except at events approved by the Houston Fire Marshal's Office where 10 feet minimum is required.
- Refueling of generators shall be performed in an approved location not less than 20 feet from the mobile food units (MFU). Fuel shall be stored in UL or FM approved flammable liquid safety containers and in an approved location.
- For the feeder or service-entry electrical cable, no damage, no splicing, no junction boxes, no multiple adaptors (one allowed), **no double-male cable** is allowed. The electrical power supply must be "clean."
- Each feeder or service-entry electrical cable or inlet connector shall terminate to an unshared subpanel board (two or more feeder cables shall not terminate to the same subpanel board).
- Flexible electrical cords, cables, or power supply cords shall not run through holes in walls, structural ceilings, floors, or through doorways, windows, or other similar openings, and they shall not be attached to surfaces, and they shall not be used as substitutes for fixed wiring.
- Electrical cables shall be protected from physical damage.
- There shall not be electrical open-wiring.
- **A fire inspection checklist serves only to guide an inspection. It does not represent the fire code and standards in its entirety.**
- **All Electrical and plumbing work is to be performed by a licensed electrician and plumber.**

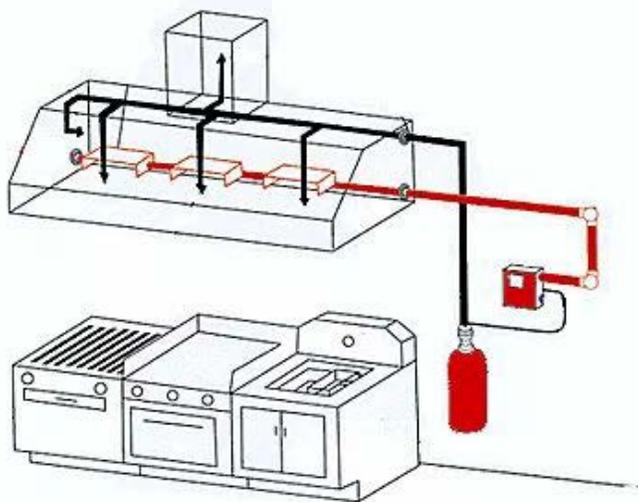
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# Attention Mobile Food Unit Operators.

Beginning **January 1, 2023** the Houston Fire Department will require all mobile food units to have equipped an automatic fire extinguishing system (Fire suppression system) over cooking equipment.



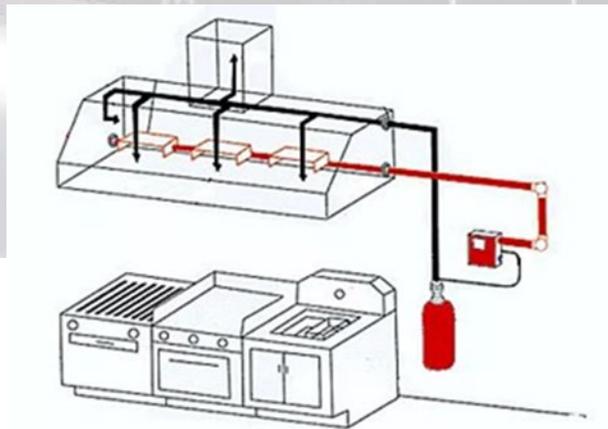
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# Atención Operadores de Unidades Móviles de Comida.

Empezando el **primero de enero del 2023** el departamento de bomberos de Houston requerirá que todas las unidades móviles de alimentos tengan un sistema automático de extinción de incendios sobre el equipo de cocción.





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**MOBILE FOOD UNIT ELECTRICAL GUIDELINES**

For mobile food unit inspections, feeder or service-entry electrical cables must be “clean” and assembled by a licensed electrician to connect to power. Cables that show signs of damage, splicing, or self-assembly will **NOT** be accepted. The use of **DOUBLE MALE CABLES** will **NOT** be allowed. The mobile food unit must be equipped with a male inlet if the supply cable is not connected directly to the breaker box. Multiple adapters and unsecured junction boxes will **NOT** be allowed. Ensure all cables and connections are weather rated. If these requirements are not met, the unit will not be allowed to connect to power and will require a reinspection.

<p><b>INLETS</b> (On Unit)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Male</li><li>- Weather rated</li><li>- Secured to unit</li><li>Or</li><li>- Direct connection</li></ul>		
<p><b>CABLES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Clean</li><li>- Weather rated</li><li>- No damage</li><li>- No splicing</li><li>- <b>NO DOUBLE MALE</b></li></ul>		
<p><b>ADAPTERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Only 1 allowed</li><li>- Weather rated</li><li>- No junction boxes</li></ul>		

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**REQUISITOS DE ELECTRICIDAD PARA UNIDADES DE COMIDA MÓVIL**

Para las inspecciones de unidades de comida móvil, los cables tienen que estar en buena condición y hechos por un electricista con licencia. Los cables que están dañados, añadidos, o auto ensamblados **NO** se aceptarán. El uso de cables que tengan **dos puntas masculinas no se permitirán**. La unidad de comida móvil debe de estar equipada con una entrada masculina si es que no tiene un cable que está directamente conectado al panel eléctrico. No se permitirá el uso de más de un adaptador o cajas de conexiones que no estén aseguradas. Todos los cables y las conexiones tienen que ser clasificados para la intemperie. Si estos requisitos no son cumplidos, la unidad no podrá conectarse a la electricidad y se requerirá una reinspección.

<p>Entradas (en la unidad)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Masculino</li><li>- Clasificados para la intemperie</li><li>○</li><li>- Una conexión directa</li></ul>		
<p>Cables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Limpios</li><li>- Clasificados para la intemperie</li><li>- Sin daños</li><li>- Sin adiciones</li><li>- <b>Sin cables con dos puntas masculinas</b></li></ul>		
<p>Adaptadores</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Solamente se permite 1</li><li>- Clasificados para la intemperie</li><li>- Sin cajas eléctricas de conexión</li></ul>		

Este documento sirve solamente como un guía para los operadores de unidad de comida móvil y no representa todo el código de fuego ni los estándares en su totalidad. Todo el trabajo tiene que ser hecho por un electricista con licencia.



## Fire Extinguisher and Gas Equipment Inspection Information

### Fire Extinguisher Service Companies

A-1 Fire Equipment 12711 East Freeway Houston, Texas 77015 (713) 455-0296	AAA Fire Equipment Co. 7707 Bissonnet St. Suite # 110 Houston, Texas 77074 (713) 777-6655	Buckeye Fire Equipment 6226 Brookhill Dr. Houston, Texas 77087 (713) 645-3388 (Mike Abke 713-319-5001)	Fire Extinguisher Services 7714 Glover St. Houston, Texas 77012 (713) 644-5151
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**Note: This list is neither an endorsement nor a recommendation. It is provided solely as a public service to you.**

### Approved Gas Equipment Inspection Companies

Blue Flame 13823 Packard Houston, TX 77040 Phone: 713-462-5414 Contact: Joe Green 290 @ Fairbanks	Northside Propane 11404 Eastex Freeway Houston, TX 77093 Phone: 281-590-7575 Contact: Dana Young Hopper @ East Mt. Houston	R & R Propane – South 101 Spencer Highway South Houston, TX 77587 Phone: 713-910-5884 Contact: Jake Rouse	R & R Propane – North 13146 Mill River Houston, TX 77070 Phone: 832-671-9258 Contact: Jake Rouse
Propane Express 10603 Tower Oaks Blvd Houston, TX 77070 Phone: 281-300-4352 Contact: Anthony Kroon	Southwest Commissary 8331 Beechnut Houston, TX 77036 Phone: 713-772-2000	AAA.LP-Gas L.T.D. L.L.P. 18402 Stuebner Airline Spring TX. 77379 Phone: 281-376-5601 Contact: Brenda Boatman	Daina’s Commissary 13515 S. Post Oak Rd. Houston, TX 77045 Phone: 281-914-6275 Contact: Oscar Lazo

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