

Volusia County Fire Officials Standard Operating Procedures

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Subject: Procedures for Mobile and Temporary Cooking Operations

PURPOSE

To establish a policy and checklist, which shall be used when conducting fire inspections of mobile and temporary cooking operations within unincorporated Volusia County, and local municipalities within Volusia County, Florida. A standard countywide mobile and temporary cooking operation inspection policy will assist our customers by creating consistency with fire inspections and encouraging similar-type processes across jurisdictional boundaries within Volusia County.

The following jurisdictions have agreed to abide by this guideline with initials indicated below:

DB	DBS	DEB	DEL	DLT	EDG	HH	NSB	OC	OB	PI	PO	SD	VC	VCPS

POLICY EXPIRATION

This mobile and temporary cooking operation policy, along with attachments, shall be reviewed, updated, and reinstated by the East Central Florida Fire Prevention Association (ECFFPA) every three (3) years to ensure it coincides with code cycle changes.

AUTHORITY

According to Florida State Statute, Chapter 633, as adopted by the State Fire Marshal, the Florida Fire Prevention Code as the governing law relative to the regulation and prevention of fire hazards in the county. The local jurisdiction shall be vested with the authority to establish reasonable policies and procedures regarding the enforcement of the code and shall determine the appropriate permits and/or inspections that shall be required within Volusia County.

DEFINITIONS

Mobile or Temporary Cooking. Any cooking apparatus or equipment operated on a one-time basis, interim basis, or for less than 90 days on the same location other than at a fixed location, building, or structure that has been inspected and permitted under another section of this Code, regulation, or statute. *[(NFPA 1:3.3.187) 2018 ed.]*

Mobile or temporary cooking can include self-propelled trucks and vehicles; trailered units; push carts; equipment located under cover of awnings, canopies or pop-up tents; or other structures for which a building permit has not been issued. *[(NFPA 1: A.3.3.187) 2018 ed.]*

PROCEDURE

Mobile cooking operation vehicles shall have a current Volusia County mobile cooking operation decal to operate at any special event or anywhere within the jurisdictional boundaries of Volusia County. Fire inspections shall be conducted every six (6) months, consistent with the required hood suppression system inspection. Volusia County and local municipalities shall utilize the adopted checklist (*see appendix A*), to provide consistency

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throughout Volusia County, Florida. The East Central Florida Fire Prevention Association (ECFFPA) will supply jurisdictions with the adopted checklist.

Once the mobile cooking operation vehicle inspection has been approved, the mobile cooking operation approval decal shall be placed on the exterior of the vehicle near the state of Florida certification. The East Central Florida Fire Prevention Association (ECFFPA) will supply jurisdictions with the mobile cooking operation approval decal. *(See appendix B)*

A list of non-approved mobile and temporary cooking operation vendors will be maintained and accessible to all local fire officials within Volusia County. If a mobile or temporary cooking operation is operating at a special event or anywhere within the jurisdictional boundaries of Volusia County and not due for inspection, it will be up to the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) discretions to perform a fire safety evaluation utilizing the adopted checklist to spot check for any possible deficiencies and/or gas leaks using a gas leak detection device.

A list of gas companies who are certifying for compliance with NFPA 58, *Liquid Petroleum Gas Code*, the LP-Gas systems located on mobile food service vehicles will be maintained *(see appendix C)*. The companies are placed on the list upon request as companies who indicate they are experienced in the installation, inspection, and maintenance of LP-Gas systems.

FEES

Special Events are charged per the local municipality and County's fee schedule; therefore, if mobile and temporary cooking operations are part of an event, they shall not incur additional inspection fees. If a mobile or temporary cooking operation requires an inspection, other than at a special event, they may be charged per fee schedule pursuant Florida State Statute 633.216. "The governing body of a county, municipality, or special district that has fire safety enforcement responsibilities may provide a schedule of fees to pay only the costs of inspections conducted pursuant to this subsection and related administrative expenses."

ATTACHMENTS

- Appendix A: Fire Safety Checklist
- Appendix B: Mobile Cooking Operation Approval Decal
- Appendix C: List of Gas Companies