



# Fire Code Requirements for Special Event Food Service

The City of Brookhaven has various regulations which govern food service provided at special events. In order to help you understand how these ordinances apply to food trucks and other food vendors, the City has created this guide.

## INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE (IFC)

The Brookhaven city code implements the Georgia state minimum fire safety standards as adopted by the Georgia Safety Fire Commissioner. The state minimum fire safety standards are currently based on the International Fire Code (IFC) and supplemental modifications.

## FOOD TRUCKS

Mobile Food Vehicles (MFV) for temporary cooking operations shall be operated only as part of an approved special event or city sponsored event. MFV and temporary cooking operations shall be approved by the Brookhaven Fire Marshal's Division before cooking operations begin.

### General Requirements:

- MFV permits **must be renewed annually** and are for the current calendar year, January 1 to December 31.
- Responsibility for the safe operation of all cooking operations shall be that of the owner/management/operator.
- Mobile and temporary cooking operations shall not block required exits of buildings, public ways, fire department access roads, fire lanes, fire hydrants, fire department connections to automatic sprinkler systems and standpipes or other fire protection devices and equipment.
- Mobile and temporary cooking operations shall be separated from buildings or structures, combustible materials, vehicles and other cooking operations by a **minimum of 10 feet**.



A complete list of requirements can be found here: <https://www.brookhavenga.gov/commdev/page/food-truck-permits>.

## FOOD VENDORS USING TENTS

### Requirements:

- Tent, membrane structures and canopies **shall not be located within 20 feet** of lot lines, buildings, generators, parked vehicles or internal combustion engines. Generators shall be isolated from contact with the public by approved means.
- A flame resistant tag shall be permanently affixed to the tent, membrane structure or canopy.
- Maximum size shall be 10 feet by 10 feet.
- Cooking tents shall be at least 10 feet apart from other cooking tents and at least 20 feet from non-cooking tents.
- Fire extinguishers shall have a current tag and be located with 75 feet of a the tent.
- Tents shall not obstruct access to buildings, required building exits, public way, fire department access roads, fire lanes, fire hydrants, fire department connections to automatic sprinkler systems and standpipes or other fire protection devices and equipment.
- Tents are required to have a fire break at least 12 feet every 7 tents.

For additional information, please contact the Fire Marshal's Division at 404-637-0500 or [fire.inspector@brookhavenga.gov](mailto:fire.inspector@brookhavenga.gov).