

# JOHNSON CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Fire Prevention Division

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## (2018) SPECIAL EVENTS VENDOR REQUIREMENTS

### Tents (Including Cooking Tents) Requirements

1. Tents used for cooking need prior approval by the Fire Marshal – send documentation to [FireMarshals@johnsoncitytn.org](mailto:FireMarshals@johnsoncitytn.org) at least one week prior to scheduled event.
2. **Cooking tents:** Separation distance required between cooking tents and other vendors by 20 ft. (IFC 3104.15.5, 3104.19)  
**\*\*NOTE: NO separation required between tents not used for cooking if the aggregate floor area of the tent(s) does not exceed 15,000 sq. ft. (IFC 3103.8.2 Ex. 1).**
3. “NO SMOKING” sign required to be posted on front side of tent; no smoking allowed in tent (IFC 3104.6)
4. All tents must be adequately anchored on all sides. (IFC 3103.9)
5. Fire department access roadway required - minimum of 20 ft. width must be provided. (IFC 503.2.1)
6. Cooking and heating equipment not allowed within 10 ft. of exits/combustible material. (IFC 3104.15.3)

### Food Trucks/Vendor Trucks

1. Mechanical hoods and hood extinguishing (suppression) systems required in all food trucks conducting cooking operations producing smoke and/or grease-laden vapors. (IFC 609, 904.2.1)
2. Fire extinguishing system and/or hood cleaning/inspection reports required for all food trucks. (IFC 609.3.3, 609.3.4)
3. Food trucks operating as cooking vendor require a 12 ft. distance from other food trucks. (per Fire Chief approval of proposed City Ordinance adoption of NFPA 96B, Ed. 2017)
4. “NO SMOKING” sign required; no smoking allowed in food trucks (IFC 3104.7)
5. A fire department roadway access of a minimum of 20 ft. in width must be provided. (IFC 503.2.1)

### Portable Fire Extinguisher Requirements (All Vendors)

1. A min. of one 5 lb. ABC fire extinguisher (2A:10BC) required for all food trucks, vendor trucks, and all tents. (IFC 906)
2. Portable fire extinguishers must be new within the last year (date listed on extinguisher) or tagged by licensed fire extinguisher company showing an annual inspection completed. (IFC 906.2)
3. Portable fire extinguishers must be unobstructed, accessible (IFC 906.5, 906.6), and mounted near the means of egress, at least 4 inches off of the floor (IFC 906.9.3).
4. At least one 2.5 gal. Class K fire extinguisher required for cooking with vegetable or animal oils, or solid fuel cooking appliances. (IFC 904.11.5)

### Generators/Gas Cylinders/Flammable, Combustible Liquids

1. A min. of (3A:40BC) fire extinguisher required for all generators. (IFC 906)
2. Generators shall be separated from tents by a distance of 20 ft. (IFC 3104.19); Generators must be properly cordoned/secured from parked vehicles, public access, structural openings, and tampering.
3. Propane cylinders must be properly secured on exterior of cooking appliance or truck, or in approved manufacturer’s containment under food truck; have proper NFPA signage; extra or empty cylinders must be removed from cooking site (IFC 6110.2). A maximum of 100 lb. propane tank allowed on site per vendor. All gas cylinders subject to connection test prior to use. (NFPA 58) (IFC CH. 61)  
**NOTE: Beginning in 2019, all food trucks with propane appliances will be required to install a propane detector that is listed, marked, and installed per the requirements of ANSI/UL 1484 (Standard for Residential Gas Detectors) (NFPA 96, B.19.2.1:2017); CO detectors will be required in all food trucks.**
4. Flammable/combustible liquids – must be in an approved safety container (IFC 5703.5), secured from the public access, and not stored within 20 ft. of cooking or open flames (IFC 3104.19).

### Electrical Appliances/Cords

1. All cooking equipment must be listed for the intended use, complying with adopted Electrical Codes (IFC 3104.15.7).
2. All electrical cords need to be properly protected and secured to prevent hazards (trips, falls, weather/rain, spills, etc.) (IFC 605.5)