



OUTDOOR COOKING GUIDELINES FOR FESTIVALS, PICNICS, FAIRS, OR OTHER TEMPORARY EVENTS IN THE CITY OF MANITOWOC

Purpose: The purpose of this document is to recommend minimum standards and guidelines necessary to establish a reasonable level of safety and protection from the hazards created by cooking fires.

Scope: This document includes all types of cooking equipment involving combustible cooking media (rendered animal fat, vegetable shortening, or other oily matter) that produces grease laden vapors used at any outdoor festival, picnic, fair, or other temporary event held in the City of Manitowoc.

Application: Approved cooking equipment used in fixed, mobile, or temporary concessions, (such as but not limited to trucks, buses, trailers, pavilions, tents, or any form of roofed enclosure), shall comply with these guidelines in addition to other local or state requirements. The authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) reserves the right to modify or be more restrictive than these guidelines.

- 1. Approved cooking equipment – any device heating grease or oil for the purpose of cooking must be UL approved and in good operating condition. Open pans or other unapproved devices used to heat grease or oil shall be prohibited.*
- 2. The location of the cooking equipment, (unless those contained within a vehicle, trailer, or other roofed enclosure), shall be maintain at a minimum 10 foot clearance from any display, tent, building, combustible material, or device which could cause damage. **Exception: cooking equipment may be utilized in a tent provided a copy of the “Certificate of Flame Resistance” from the tent manufacturer is presented to the AHJ upon inspection.***
- 3. The tent for which cooking is taking place can only be used for cooking and must be separated by at least 10 feet from the tent in which food is served, kept, warm or paid for. This includes the tent used for customers to sit and dine. There will not be any variance allowed for this step.*
- 4. Any person using and/or operating approved cooking equipment shall be properly trained in its use and operation. The cooking equipment must be attended at all times.*
- 5. All cooking areas shall be secured to prevent the general public from entering and shall be protected from physical damage.*
- 6. All LP tanks, whether full or empty, shall be secured to prevent from falling and be protected from damage due to a vehicle or other device.*

7. *Fire extinguisher requirements:*

- *Class K fire extinguisher shall be provided for the protection of all cooking equipment that uses combustible cooking media (rendered animal fat, vegetable shortening, or other oily matter).*
- *Class ABC fire extinguisher (minimum 40 BC rating) shall be provided for propane fuel sources.*
- *All other uses shall require a minimum 2A 10BC rated fire extinguisher.*
- *All fire extinguishers required for cooking equipment and propane fuel sources shall be located within 30 feet of the cooking area. All other extinguishers require a maximum 75 foot travel distance.*
- *All fire extinguishers shall be accessible and maintained in good operating condition.*
- *All extinguishers must have a current tag showing that they have been inspected in the last 12 months.*

8. *All electrical cords shall be 2 wire with ground capable of safely carrying the demanded current. Any electrical cord with damaged wires or plugs or using multi-tap adaptors is prohibited. The AHJ reserves the right to require any unsafe electrical situation to be corrected immediately upon inspection.*

9. *All outdoor cooking events in the City of Manitowoc are subject to a fire safety inspection by the AHJ. If a vendor, business, or other individual is found to be in violation of these guidelines or any other local or state code, the AHJ will assist those persons involved to make the event a success.*

10. *The Manitowoc Fire Rescue Department has the authority by local ordinance and state code to have the operator cease operations if there is a life safety and fire hazard or if the operator fails to correct any deficiencies that may exist.*

Effective January 17, 2023

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