

Mobile Food Vendor

A Partnership Plan between the Heart of America Fire Chief's Association- Fire Prevention Section

Due to the mobility of the food truck vendors throughout the Kansas City Metropolitan Area, the Heart of America's Fire Chief's Association – Fire Prevention Section has established a general requirements inspection checklist for the authorities having jurisdiction (AHJ). This checklist has been established to help create consistency amongst the AHJ's and the requirements for food trucks to operate.

MOBILE FOOD PREPERATION VEHICLES. Vehicles that contain cooking equipment that produce smoke or grease-laden vapors for the purpose of preparing and serving food to the public. Vehicles intended for private recreation shall not be considered mobile food preparation vehicles.

Any AHJ has the right to be more restrictive than the general requirements of the inspection checklist.

Operational food trucks should be inspected by the AHJ of the city the food truck's vehicle registration is licensed in.

The AHJ conducting the inspection has the right to assess a fee set by their governing body to complete the inspection of the food truck.

After a food truck inspection is completed and approved, the AHJ conducting the inspection will apply the approved HOA food truck inspection sticker to the vehicle passage side windshield or in the case of a trailer to the front passenger side panel.

The operator of the mobile food truck shall have a copy of the current fire inspection report available for review at all times.

AHJ's of other cities will verify there is a current HOA food truck inspection sticker located on the food truck when a food truck travels to another jurisdiction.

The Fire Code Official for the jurisdiction the mobile food truck is currently operating in may conduct a fire inspection, regardless if a current fire inspection exists, for reasonable cause.

Having the HOA sticker and a current inspection report document does not exempt the food truck owner from meeting all of the requirements for the city the food truck will operating in.

When a food truck does not have a current HOA inspection sticker the AHJ where the food truck will be operating out of can conduct the inspection and provide the owner with the current HOA sticker. When this happens the AHJ who conducted the inspection should notify the AHJ of the food trucks registration city.