

Ames Fire Department

Cooking Vendor Requirements

- LP gas cylinders shall be limited to those required for the cooking device and one spare. Maximum cylinder size is 100 pounds.
- Vending cart operations must be contained to the assigned area and utilizing no more than a one hundred (100) square foot area. No storage of vending items is allowed on public benches, planters, or other fixtures.
- Power cords must be in good condition, be kept dry and not create a tripping hazard.
- Any cords/wiring must be securely fastened to the ground and covered by a cord protector.
- LP gas cylinders shall be limited to those required for the cooking device and one spare. Maximum cylinder size is 100 pounds.
- All compressed gas cylinders are required to be nested or restrained to prevent tip over.
- LP cylinders must be kept 15' from building openings. Stored cylinders need kept in a ventilated area.
- Open flame cooking operations, including charcoal grills, must be kept 10 ft. away from combustible construction.
- All cooking operations are required to have multipurpose ABC extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A 10BC.
- Cooking operations that deep fry using oil are required to have a class K extinguisher.
- All extinguishers are required to be readily accessible to the operator, and have a current annual service tag.
- Refueling of gasoline powered equipment, such as generators is prohibited.
- Permittees must take proper care to ensure that no grease or other substances are spilled or allowed to drip on the ground; and, if this accidentally occurs, ensure prompt and complete clean-up.
- Operators must privately dispose of all wastepaper and other waste materials in a lawful manner. All vendors must supply a waste receptacle for patrons, in addition to their own waste.
- All vending carts must be attended at all times and removed during hours of non-operation. Driving or backing onto the sidewalks are prohibited.
- A specific location has been designated for the vending permit. The permit is required to be displayed at all times in visible and plain sight.

Questions can be directed to the City of Ames Fire Prevention Office at 515-239-5156.