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GENERAL SAFETY CHECKLIST

☑ Obtain license or permits from the local authorities. [11.12.8(a)] G1
☑ Ensure there is no public seating within the mobile food truck. G2
☑ Check that there is a clearance of at least 10 ft away from buildings, structures, vehicles, and any combustible materials. [96:6.8.2; 96:6.8.3 for carnivals only] G3
☑ Verify fire department vehicular access is provided for fire lanes and access roads. [1:18.2.4] G4
☑ Ensure clearance is provided for the fire department to access fire hydrants and access fire department connections. [1:13.1.3; 1:13.1.4; 1:13.1.5] G5
☑ Check that appliances using combustible media are protected by an approved fire extinguishing system. [96:6.01.12] G6
☑ Verify portable fire extinguishers have been selected and installed in kitchen cooking areas in accordance with NFPA 10. [96:6.10.9.3] G7a
☑ Where solid fuel cooking appliance produce grease-laden vapors, make sure the appliances are protected by listed fire-extinguishing equipment. [96:6.14.7] G7b
☑ Ensure that workers are trained in the following: [96:8.15.1] G8
   ☑ Proper use of portable fire extinguishers and extinguishing systems [10:1.2] G8a
   ☑ Proper method of shutting off fuel sources [96:6.10.4.1] G8b
   ☑ Proper procedure for notifying the local fire department [1:10.14.9 for carnivals only] G8c

FUEL & POWER SOURCES CHECKLIST

☑ Verify that fuel tanks are filled to the capacity needed for uninterrupted operation during normal operating hours. [1:10.14.10.1 for carnivals only] F1a
☑ Ensure that refueling is conducted only during non-operating hours. [96:8.18.3] F1b
☑ Check that any engine-driven source of power is separated from the public by barriers, such as physical guard, fencing, or enclosures. [96:6.16.2.2] F2
☑ Ensure that any engine-driven source of power is shut down prior to refueling from a portable container. [1:11.7.2.1] F3
☑ Check that surfaces of engine-driven source of power are cool to the touch prior to refueling from a portable container. F3a
☑ Make sure that exhaust from engine-driven source of power complies with the following: F4
   ☑ At least 10 ft in all directions from openings and air intakes [96:8.13] F4a
   ☑ At least 10 ft from every means of egress [96:8.13] F4b
   ☑ Directed away from all buildings [1:11.7.2.2] F4c
   ☑ Directed away from all other cooking vehicles and operations [1:11.7.2.2] F4d
☑ Ensure that all electrical appliances, fixtures, equipment, and wiring complies with the NFPA 70®. [96:6.18] F5

PROPANE SYSTEM INTEGRITY CHECKLIST

☑ Check that the main shutoff valve on all gas containers is readily accessible. [58:6.26.4.1(3)] P1
☑ Ensure that portable gas containers are in the upright position and secured to prevent tipping over. [58:6.26.3.4] P2
☑ Inspect gas systems prior to each use. [96:8.19.2.3] P3
☑ Perform leak testing on all new gas connections of the gas system. [58:6.16, 58:6.17] P4
☑ Perform leak testing on all gas connections affected by replacement of an exchangeable container. [58:6.16, 58:6.17] P5
☑ Document leak testing and make documentation available for review by the authorized official. [58:6.26.5.1(M)] P6
☑ Ensure that on gas system piping, a flexible connector is installed between the regulator outlet and the fixed piping system. [58:6.26.5.1(B)] P7
☑ Where a gas detection system is installed, ensure that it has been tested in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. [96:8.19.2.1] P8

OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKLIST

☑ Do not leave cooking equipment unattended while it is still hot. (This is the leading cause of home structure fires and home fire injuries.) OA
☑ Operate cooking equipment only when all windows, service hatches, and ventilation sources are fully opened. [96:14.2.2; 96:14.2.3] OB
☑ Close gas supply piping valves and gas container valves when equipment is not in use. [58:6.26.8.3] OC
☑ Keep cooking equipment, including the cooking ventilation system, clean by regularly removing grease. [96:11.4] OD

SOLID FUEL SAFETY CHECKLIST (WHERE WOOD, CHARCOAL, OR OTHER SOLID FUEL IS USED)

☑ Fuel is not stored above any heat-producing appliance or vent. [96:14.9.2.2] SA
☑ Fuel is not stored closer than 3 ft to any cooking appliance. [96:14.9.2.2] SB
☑ Fuel is not stored within 3 ft to any cooking appliance. [96:14.9.2.2] SC
☑ Fuel is not stored in the path of the ash removal or near removed ashes. [96:14.9.2.4] SD
☑ Ash, cinders, and other fire debris should be removed from the firebox at regular intervals and at least once a day. [96:14.9.3.6.1] SE
☑ Removed ashes, cinders, and other removed fire debris should be placed in a closed, metal container located at least 3 ft from any cooking appliance. [96:14.9.3.8] SF

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