



## TOWN OF FORT MILL FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

### **FORT MILL FARMER'S MARKET FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

Below are the approved safety requirements for the operation of generators within the Town of Fort Mill. **If you have any questions, comments, or issues with the below safety requirements, contact the Fort Mill Fire Marshal's Office at (803) 547-5511.**

#### **PRIOR TO OPERATING:**

Fire Inspectors from the Fort Mill Fire Department Fire Marshal's Office will be performing a Fire Inspection prior to opening of any vendor operation. Failure to pass the inspection can disqualify your participation in the festival. This guide is a general list and does not anticipate every possible situation or requirement.

#### **TENTS, COOKING AND NON-COOKING:**

- All tents shall be ***inspected*** by the Fort Mill Fire Marshal's Office before occupancy is permitted.
- All tents shall be adequately roped, braced and anchored to withstand the elements of weather and prevent against collapsing.
- **Open flame or other devices emitting flame, fire or heat or any flammable or combustible liquids, gas, charcoal or other cooking device or any other unapproved devices shall not be permitted inside of a tent or membrane structures while open to the public unless approved by the fire code official.**
- Cooking tents shall be flame resistant, with the attached certificate of acceptance label.
- A separation distance of five (5) feet is required between cooking tents.
  - Outdoor cooking that produces sparks or grease-laden vapors shall not be performed under a tent or membrane structure.
  - Portable Liquid Petroleum (LP) gas containers with a capacity of 500 gallons or less shall have a minimum separation between the container and structure not less than **ten (10) feet**.
  - Portable Liquid Petroleum (LP) gas containers, piping, valves and fittings that are located outside and are being used to fuel equipment inside a tent or membrane structure shall be adequately protected to prevent tampering, damage by vehicles, or other hazards and shall be located in an approved location.
  - **Portable Liquid Petroleum (LP) containers shall be securely fastened in place to prevent unauthorized movement.**
- No flammable or combustible liquid storage is permitted in a tent or membrane structure.
  - Refueling shall be performed in an approved location not less than **ten (10) feet** from tents or membrane structures.
  - Refueling shall be performed with approval of the Fire Marshal, or their designee, and all refueling operations shall be witnessed by the Fire Marshal, or their designee.
  - **Any fuel spills shall be reported immediately to the Fire Marshal, or their designee, and cleanup of the fuel spill shall be the responsibility of the fueling vendor.**
- Smoking shall not be permitted in any tents or membrane structures, trailers or booths.

#### **GENERATOR REQUIREMENTS:**

- ***Generators and other internal combustion power sources shall be separated from tents or membrane structures by not less than twenty (20) feet and shall be isolated from contact with the public by fencing enclosures or other approved means.***
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  - Refueling shall be performed with approval of the Fire Marshal, or their designee, and all refueling operations shall be witnessed by the Fire Marshal, or their designee.
  - Any fuel spills shall be reported to the Fire Marshal, or their designee, and cleanup of the fuel spill shall be the responsibility of the fueling vendor.

**ELECTRICAL POWER:**

- Electrical cords shall be compatible with the anticipated load (minimum 12awg is required), and be UL rated for outdoor and wet location, they shall be in good condition, be secured and protected to prevent any trip hazards, and not be placed in the public's traffic paths, and shall be provided by the vendors.
- No multi-plug outlets will be allowed. Power strips shall be surge protected with a breaker reset and have a UL rating.
- LED lighting with a battery is **preferred**.

**DEEP FAT FRYING AND OPEN FLAME COOKING:**

- Deep fat frying or open flame cooking operations shall not be permitted inside a tent or structure while open to the public and an area not subject to overhead contamination, such as trees, leaves, etc.
- The deep fry and open flame cooking shall be isolated from contact with the public by approved means.
- There shall be at least three (3) feet clearance between deep fat frying and charcoal cooking.
- Vendors shall be responsible for the proper and legal disposal of grease used for cooking operations.

**CHARCOAL COOKING:**

- Charcoal cooking operations shall not be permitted inside a tent or structure while open to the public and an area not subject to overhead contamination, such as trees, leaves, etc.
- Fuel and lighter fluid storage is prohibited inside any tent or booth.
- Cooking units shall be secured from falling and isolated from contact with the public by approved means.
- Cooking coals being removed shall be done so in an approved metal container and emptied nightly.

**FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:**

- All tents and booths shall be equipped with a fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A:20 ABC or two (2) 2A:10 ABC and they shall be accessible at all times.
- All cooking tents and booths with deep fat frying operations shall be equipped with an extinguisher rated for Class "K" fires and accessible at all times.
- Each generator shall be equipped with a fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A:20 ABC and shall be located near the generator and accessible at all times.
- All required fire extinguishers shall be properly serviced and tagged by a qualified fire protection company within the past year.
- **NOTE: If you do not bring a serviced fire extinguisher to the Farmer's Market, you will be prohibited from participating in the Farmer's Market.**