



CITY OF FOUNTAIN VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Food Booth and Vendor Form

The use of food booths with heating appliances is regulated by the Fountain Valley Fire Department and Orange County Health Care Agency. These requirements apply to single vendors and freestanding booths. All food vendors are subject to inspection prior to an event. All tents, canopies and membrane structures, both temporary and permanent, shall be in accordance with this section and California Code of Regulations, Title 19, Chapter 2.

Definitions

Cooking Booths: It is any food service location that prepares food in a fixed location by heating or cooking process including but not limited to grilling, frying, barbecuing, frying, baking, and boiling.

Vendor Booths: All non-cooking booths.

Tent/Canopy: **A structure and or shelter with or without sidewalls or drops**, constructed of fabric or pliable material supported by any manner except by air or the contents it protects.

Flame Retardant Requirements

The sidewalls, drops and tops of tents and canopies shall be of flame resistant material or treated with flame retardant in an approved manner. A California State Fire Marshal tag shall be permanently fixed to the material. These regulations are in compliance with the California Code of Regulations, Title 19, Chapter 2, Article 4.

Fire Extinguishers

- A portable fire extinguisher must be provided for each food booth. The minimum size for the extinguisher is 2A 10B:C (5 lbs.)
- If a fryer is being used, a K type extinguisher should also be provided
- Extinguishers shall have a current California State Fire Marshal tag
- The extinguishers shall be within 75 feet of each vendor
- Each generator must be provided with a fire extinguisher with a 40 B:C rating

- Fire extinguishers should be visible and accessible
- Fire extinguishers must be serviced annually and tagged accordingly

Location

- Each vendor booth shall have at least one exit, minimum 3 feet wide by 6 feet 8 inches in height
- Vendor booths shall have a minimum clearance of 20 feet on at least one side with clearance of at least 10 feet from any cooking booth

Heating Equipment

- All heating equipment must be of an approved type and must be a minimum of 18 inches from the booth back and side drop materials
- Heating equipment **shall not** be located within 18 inches of exits or combustible materials
- **Outdoor cooking** that produces sparks or grease laden vapors **shall not** be performed within 10 feet of a tent, canopy, or membrane structure

Fryers

- **Fryers shall not be used in food vendor tents** and must be **3 feet** from open flame cooking devices
- If a Fryer is to be used it shall be outside the tent and at **least 10 feet** from the outside wall of the tent
- Fryers require the addition of a **Class K TYPE fire extinguisher**
- Fryers must not be accessible to the public
- Frying equipment must be equipped with a temperature regulating device or other method of regulating temperatures approved by the FVFD

Charcoal Cooking

- Barbeques are not permitted within the food booth, and shall be located at least 10 feet from a structure or combustible materials
- Fuel for the barbeque shall be kept at least 10 feet away from the barbeque
- Barbeques and other open flame devices must be located outside of structures
- Coals shall be disposed of in metal containers
- Containers will be filled with water and coals soaked for a minimum of 30 minutes prior to disposal

Propane

- Propane containers and tanks shall be located outside of tents and canopies
- Safety release valves shall be pointed away from the tent, canopy or membrane structure
- Containers may **NOT** be located in approved fire lanes
- The size of the tank shall be limited to 5 gallons, unless otherwise approved
- Fuel tanks shall be secured from falling or from civilian contact

- Portable LP-gas containers with a maximum capacity of more than 5 gallons shall have a minimum separation between the container and structures of not less than 10 feet
- Containers shall be secured in an upright position and must be located at least 5 feet apart from each other
- Rubber hoses or metal flexible hoses connecting the tank with the appliance must be approved for propane. The letters “LPG” and the symbol “U/L” on the hose are sufficient evidence of acceptability. “Slip-end” connectors are not allowed; rubber hoses must be fitted with factory-made metal fittings

Smoking

Smoking is not allowed at any time within the food booth, or within 25 feet of any fuel source.

Generators

- Generators shall be located a minimum of 20 feet from tents or canopies
- Generators will be placed in locations approved by the FVFD
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- Refueling of generators is prohibited during event hours. No extra fuel shall be stored during event hours
- Each generator must be provided with a 40 B:C rating fire extinguisher in an accessible location
- Extension cords will be of a grounded type and approved for exterior use
- Extension cords will not be frayed or worn and will not be laid in any areas with pedestrian traffic unless they are covered by an approved means determined by FVFD

Tent Safety Regulations

- Temporary membrane structures, tents, and their appurtenances shall be adequately **braced** and anchored to prevent weather related collapse.
- Smoking, open flame devices, fires, toxic, explosive or flammable gases shall not be permitted within or adjacent to any tent or membrane structure unless otherwise approved and a separate permit issued.
- Temporary membrane structures and tents shall not be located within 20 feet of property lines, buildings, other temporary membrane structures, tents, parked vehicles, or internal combustion engines.
- Separation distance between membrane structures and tents **not used for cooking** is not required when the aggregate floor area does not exceed 15,000 square feet.
- **Smoking** is not permitted in tents or membrane structures. “No Smoking” signs shall be conspicuously posted in the tent or membrane structure.
- **Exit signs** shall be installed at required exit doorways and where otherwise necessary to clearly indicate the direction of egress when the exit serves an occupant load of **50 or more**.
- Housekeeping shall be maintained 30 feet from temporary membrane structures or tents. This includes combustible vegetation; storage of hay, straw, and similar

combustible materials except if treated with a flame retardant in an approved manner; and combustible waste.

The Minimum Number of Exits and Exit Widths

Occupant Load	Minimum Amount of Exits	Tent Exit Opening Size	Air supported Structure Exit Opening Size
10 to 199	2	72 inches	36 inches
200 to 499	3	72 inches	72 inches
500 to 999	4	96 inches	72 inches
1,000 to 1,999	5	120 inches	96 inches
2,000 to 2,999	6	120 inches	96 inches
Over 3,000	7	120 inches	96 inches

Table and Chair Spacing

- The bonding of chairs into groups of three or more is required when loose seats, folding chairs, or similar seating are not fixed to the floor, or the occupant load is **200 or more**.
- Aisle width in occupancies without fixed seats shall be provided as follows:
 - The minimum clear aisle width shall be 36 inches where seats, tables, counters, furnishings, displays, and similar fixtures or equipment are placed on one side of the aisle only.
 - The minimum clear aisle width shall be 44 inches when such fixtures or equipment are placed on both sides of the aisle.

Fire Safety Tips

- Know where the nearest fire extinguisher is located and how to use it
- **Do not** leave cooking operations unattended
- **Do not** wear loose fitting clothing while cooking
- Remove trash accumulation regularly
- Keep combustibles away from heat sources

A copy of these requirements and regulations must be posted in the structure and signed by the vendor. All portions of this form must be signed before any type of food services can begin.

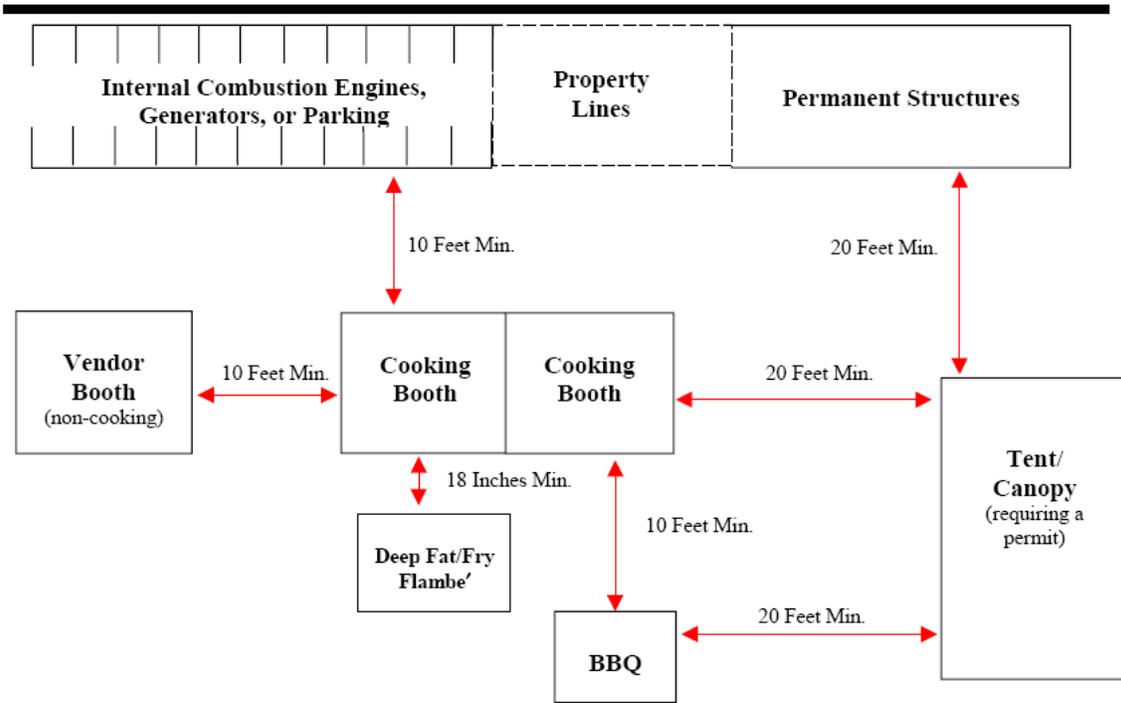
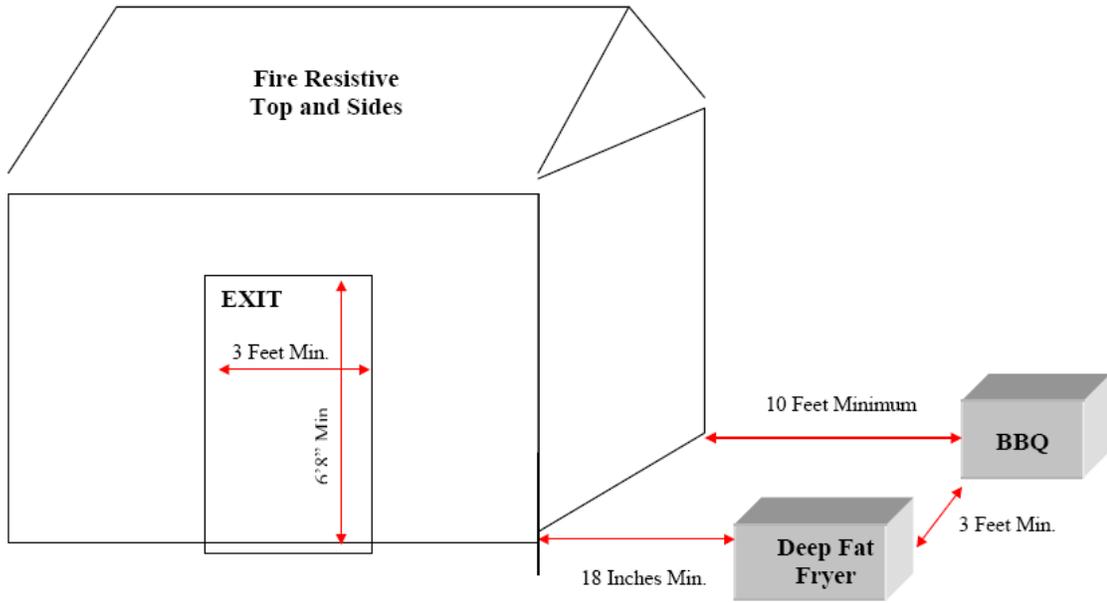
Failure to comply with the following requirements and regulations may result in closure of the location.

Booth Name

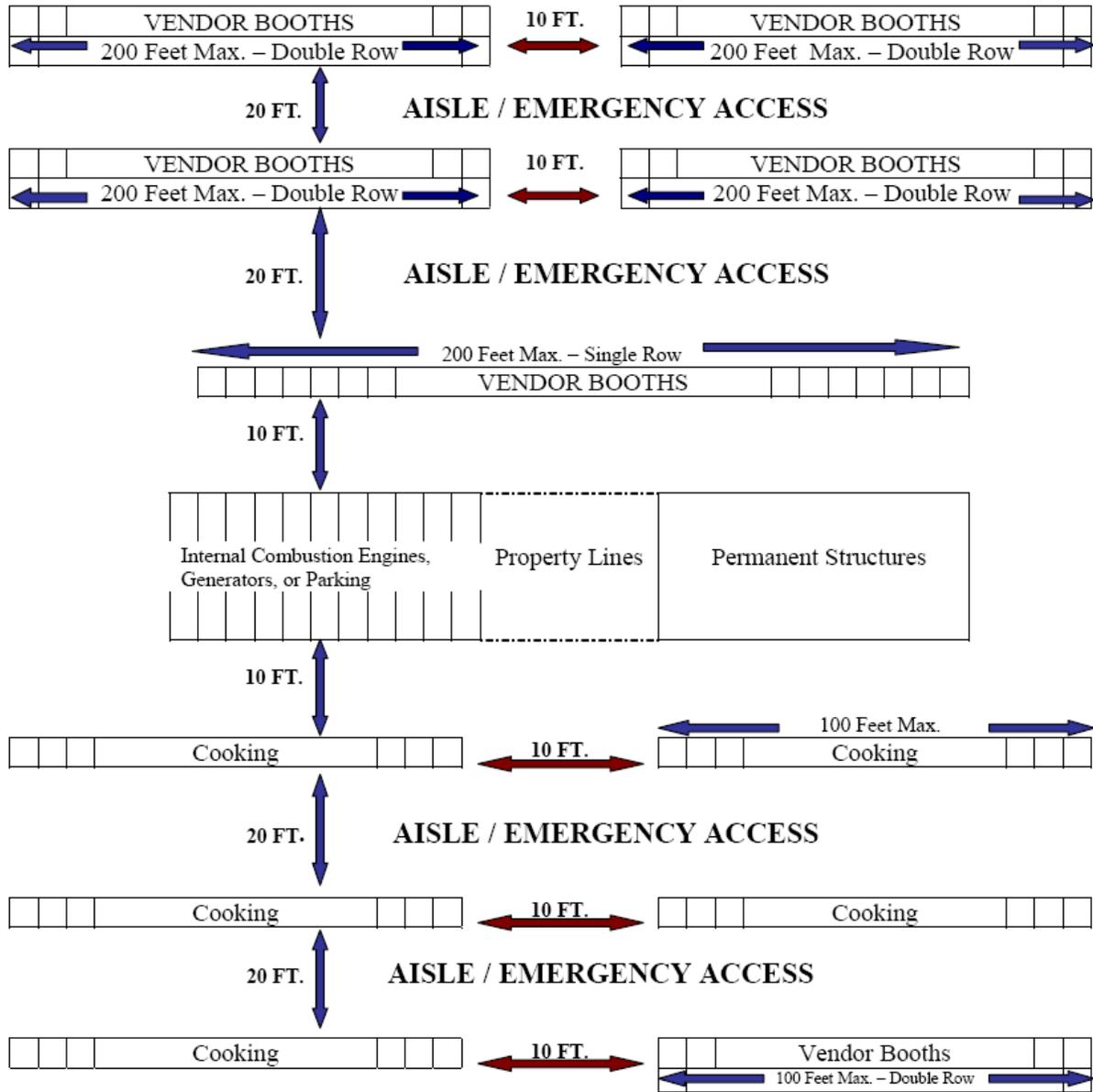
Food Booth Operator's Signature

Fountain Valley Fire Department Approval

OCHCA Health Care Agency Approval



Fountain Valley Fire Department Festival Vendor and Cooking Booth Locations



Note: Cooking Booths are limited to single rows only. Back-to-back rows are not permitted. Maximum length of row is 100 feet.