

VENDOR & FOOD TRUCK FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

The Valders Fire Department & Ambulance Service is the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) for fire safety. Vendors & Food Trucks must comply with all fire safety requirements and directions given by fire department.

1. Fire Extinguishers

- Vendors operating cooking equipment must have at least one ABC fire extinguisher (minimum 5 lb.) readily accessible in their booth.
- Vendors cooking with oils or grease must also have an appropriate Class K fire extinguisher.

2. Propane (LP Gas)

- Propane cylinders must be secured in an upright position.
- Cylinders must be located outside of tents or canopies unless specifically approved.
- Hoses and connections must be in good condition with no visible leaks.
- Spare propane cylinders must be stored safely and away from ignition sources.

3. Cooking Equipment

- Cooking appliances must be placed on stable, non-combustible surfaces.
- Cooking equipment must be kept a safe distance from tent walls and combustible materials.
- Grease and cooking waste must be collected in metal containers with lids.

4. Open Flames

- Open flames, candles, tiki torches, or charcoal grills are not permitted unless approved by the Market Manager and Valders Fire Department.

5. Tent Safety

- All canopies must be flame resistant or manufactured for outdoor commercial use.
- Tents must remain properly secured with 25-pound weights as described in the vendor policy.
- Maximum canopy size is 10'x10'.

6. Emergency Access

- Vendor spaces must not block fire lanes, emergency vehicle access routes, or fire hydrants.
- Vehicles must be removed from the market area during operating hours unless authorized.

7. Electrical Equipment

- Only outdoor-rated extension cords may be used.
- Damaged cords or unsafe electrical connections are not permitted.
- Portable generators must be placed away from tents and public areas.

8. Compliance

- The Valders Fire Department may conduct safety inspections during the market.
- Vendors found operating unsafe equipment may be required to correct the issue immediately or cease operation for that day.

Questions contact Valders Fire Chief Christopher Dallas (920)323-8425