



Community
Development

Mobile Food Preparation Vehicles (Food Trucks and Trailers)

PERMITS

Beginning June 1, 2026, mobile food vehicles that are equipped with appliances that produce smoke or grease laden vapors or utilize LP-gas systems or CNG systems require a Fire Code Operational permit issued by the Kitsap County Fire Marshal. Here are a few of the required submittal items you will need:

- Vehicle or trailer information, **LP-Gas or CNG systems.**
- Details on appliances or hood systems,
- Floor plan showing appliance layout, hoods, electric panel, and cooking fuel tank locations,
- Copy of [Washington State Department of Labor & Industries Food Truck or Trailer Permit](#)
- Copy of [Kitsap County Health Permit](#)

What brought on this requirement?

Washington state amended the state fire code to regulate vehicles used for mobile food vending (including local permits). The new requirements became effective in Kitsap County **in March of 2025.**

What types of appliances produce smoke or grease laden vapors?

Most appliances that use heat, electric or gas to prepare food, including grills, flat tops, griddles, deep fat fryers, frying pans, woks, barbecues, solid fuel burning pizza ovens and similar equipment will produce smoke or grease laden vapors.

Do I need a hood above my cooking appliance?

If your cooking appliances produce smoke or grease laden vapors, a Type 1 hood with an automatic fire suppression system is required.

Are there limits to how much fuel I have for my cooking appliance?

Yes, propane (LP) is limited to 200 pounds and compressed natural gas (CNG) is limited to 1,300 pounds.

What about my cooking oil?

The maximum amount of cooking oil that can be carried on board is 120 gallons. The oil must be kept in listed containers that are secured to prevent tipping.



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What if I want to be in a permanent location?

In addition to this permit for a vehicle, you will need to apply for a Temporary Building or Business Application through Kitsap County Department of Community Development in unincorporated Kitsap County.

How long is my permit good for?

The permit is good for one calendar year. Each calendar year you will need to renew your permit.

Who can I contact if I have questions?

- (360) 337-5777
- Help@Kitsap1.com
- www.Kitsap.gov/DCD

I only have a propane hot water heater, why do I need a permit?

Gas leaks inside of food or drink vehicles create a danger to the public as well as people working inside of the vehicle. Several vehicles that do not prepare food have exploded necessitating the change in state code. Part of our inspection involves looking for leaking connections, as well as testing gas detectors.

What is considered a vehicle?

Kitsap County considers a vehicle to be anything with a license plate issued by the state of Washington (or other state). Trailers that are loaded onto another trailer for transportation such as a Hotdog Cart would not fall into this category. Contact the Fire Marshals Office if you are questioning whether your vehicle requires a permit.