



## Mobile food Vendors

The following is a list of local requirements for all mobile food vendors who wish to operate within the city of Merritt. Fire Inspections must be conducted a minimum of 3 hours prior to operation. Vendors are subject to an annual inspection from the Merritt Fire Department. Upon completion of the annual inspection, an inspection decal will be provided. Vendors who are non-compliant will not be permitted to continue to operate.

### Mobile food vendor requirements

1. The mobile vendor must have a valid City of Merritt Business License.
2. The mobile vendor must be approved by the BC Safety Authority and ensure that all decals are visible. **(If any alterations have been done to the unit a new inspection and decal are required)**
3. All Tents being in conjunction with the mobile vending must conform to NFPA 705 requirements. The tent must have a visible tag stating that it complies with this requirement.
4. Cooking and/or grilling shall not be conducted under tents. All cooking appliance must be at least 1 meter away from tent.
5. Cooking appliances must be a minimum of 3 meters from any building or other food vendor.
6. A guard/barrier, not less than 1 meter high, must be provided to act as a barrier between the public and cooking appliances. This would not apply if the cooking appliances are located within an enclosed trailer.
7. All appliances must be approved commercial appliances. Residential type appliances such as deep fryers will not be acceptable.
8. Minimum of one 2A10BC rated extinguisher shall be provided and shall be mounted in an acceptable location.
9. A type K extinguisher must be provided for all deep frying and/or hot oil cooking.

10. Fire extinguishers must be up to date. The extinguishers are required to be inspected annually by an approved agency.
11. Enclosed cooking units, creating grease laden vapors, require a kitchen canopy and suppression system conforming to NFPA 96.
12. Enclosed cooking units with a kitchen canopy require a fixed suppression system to be installed within the unit. The fixed suppression system shall be serviced bi-annually by an approved technician.
13. Kitchen canopy has been cleaned from filter to fan in conformance with NFPA 96 requirements.
14. All Spare propane bottles must be secured 3 meters from any cooking appliances or open flame.
15. All propane connections must be soap tested to ensure there are no leaks in conformance with the BC Gas Code requirements.
16. Wood burning appliances are prohibited within the City of Merritt.
17. All mobile vendors with trailers must provide wheel chocks to prevent trailer movement.
18. A current inspection decal from the Merritt Fire Department must be displayed in a visible location.

If you have any questions pertaining to the Fire Departments requirements, please contact the City of Merritt Fire Prevention Officer at (250) 378-5626