A Partnership Plan between the Heart of America Fire Marshals

Due to the mobility of the food truck vendors throughout the Kansas City Metropolitan Area, the Heart of America’s Fire Marshal Group has established a general requirements inspection checklist for the authorities having jurisdiction (AHJ). This checklist has been established to help create consistency amongst the AHJ’s and the requirements for food trucks to operate under the recently adopted 2018 International Fire Code.

By adopting the 2018 International Fire Code by the municipalities within Central Jackson County Fire Protection District, we will be inspecting and enforcing the new regulations for food trucks. The most significant change food truck vendors will see is the requirement that all food trucks that produce grease-laden vapors during their cooking process must have a hood and duct system with an automatic extinguishing system. This requirement is for any food vendor conducting business within the cities of Blue Springs or Grain Valley. You may not conduct business within these cities if you currently do not have an automatic extinguishing system.

Below is a compromised plan between the KC Metro Fire Marshals. If you have any questions, I may be reached at 816-229-2522 or dllewellyn@cjcfpd.org

Food truck defined.

A food truck is a large motorized or non-motorized vehicle, such as a truck, van or trailer, equipped to cook, prepare, serve, and/or sell food.

Any AHJ has the right to be more restrictive than the general requirements of the inspection checklist.

Operational food trucks should be inspected by the AHJ of the city the food truck’s vehicle registration is licensed in.

The AHJ conducting the inspection has the right to assess a fee set by their governing body to complete the inspection of the food truck.

After a food truck inspection is completed and approved, the AHJ conducting the inspection will apply the approved HOA food truck inspection sticker *to the vehicle passage side windshield or in the case of a trailer to the front passenger side panel.*

The food truck owner is responsible for maintaining and having available for other AHJ’s a printed copy of the AHJ approved inspection report.

AHJ’s of other cities will verify there is a current HOA food truck inspection sticker located on the food truck when a food truck travels to another jurisdiction.

When a food truck travels to another jurisdiction, the AHJ of that jurisdiction has the right to conduct a food truck inspections or spot inspection when the AHJ feels an inspection or spot inspection is warranted.

Having the HOA sticker and a current inspection report document does not exempt the food truck owner from meeting all of the requirements for the city the food truck will operating in.

When a food truck does not have a current HOA inspection sticker the AHJ where the food truck will be operating out of can conduct the inspection and provide the owner with the current HOA sticker. When this happens the AHJ who conducted the inspection should notify the AHJ of the food trucks registration city.

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