



**NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT DEPARTMENT
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION**

July 31, 2019

Dear Property Owner:

In May 2019, the City of San Marcos updated local food and fire codes to reflect changes in state law and the international fire code. One of the changes in the local codes requires a fire suppression system for ventilation hoods for cooking operations in mobile food units that involve propane stoves, electric or gas grills, fryers, or other food equipment that produce grease vapors (see attachment).

Based on the current food operations for the mobile food unit that is operating on your property, the ventilation hood will require a fire suppression system, installed and certified by a licensed fire safety company. Please comply with these requirements as soon as possible, but no later than **August 1, 2020**.

After August 1, 2020, mobile food units not in compliance with these requirements, will have to remove the propane system and all cooking equipment that could produce grease vapors or discontinue mobile food unit operations on your property. A notice has been given to the mobile food unit owner/operator and reminder notices will be given prior to the August 1, 2020 deadline. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 512-393-8442 at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Stacy Wright, MS, RS, REM
Environmental Health Manager
City of San Marcos

I, the undersigned, have received a copy of this notice.

Print Name

Signature

Date



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The amended City of San Marcos Fire Code:

609.2 Where Required. A Type I hood shall be installed at or above all commercial cooking appliances and domestic cooking appliances used for commercial purposes that produce grease vapors, including but not limited to cooking equipment used in fixed, mobile, or temporary concessions, such as trucks, buses, trailers, pavilions, or any form of roofed enclosure, as required by the fire code official.

Exceptions:

1. Tents, as provided for in Chapter 31.
2. {No change to existing Exception.}

Additionally, fuel gas and power provided for such cooking appliances shall be interlocked with the extinguishing system, as required by Section 904.12.2. Fuel gas containers and piping/hose shall be properly maintained in good working order and in accordance with all applicable regulations.