9/22/22: Attention Mobile Food Vendors,

The City of Aurora’s adopted fire code, the 2021 International Fire Code, requires certain mobile food preparation vehicles operating within the city to maintain an operational permit in addition to their license and health certificate. Mobile food preparation vehicles requiring an operational permit include food trucks, vans, trailers, and other vehicles with an enclosed cooking area that contains cooking equipment producing smoke or grease-laden vapors for the purposes of preparing and serving food to the public. Vehicles do not need to be readily moveable or self-powered to meet the definition of a mobile food preparation vehicle: Stationary, fixed-location, portable, as well as mobile vehicles, require an operational permit if they are equipped with the cooking equipment described above.

Fire Code Officials from Aurora Fire Rescue (AFR) issue mobile food preparation vehicle operational permits after a successful field inspection of the vehicle. Inspections are conducted on city workdays at the Aurora Municipal Center, by appointment only. AFR recognizes inspections conducted within the last 12 months by a reciprocal Colorado jurisdiction using the Fire Marshal Association of Colorado (FMAC) Food Truck Inspection Program checklist.

Mobile food preparation vehicle (Food Truck) owners/operators applying for a new business license on or after 1 Nov 2022 must obtain an operational permit or exemption from AFR Fire Code Officials during the licensing process. Owners/operators with an existing business license for mobile food vending will require an operational permit or exemption from AFR Fire Code Officials during their next license renewal beginning 1 Dec 2022. Operating a mobile food preparation vehicle without the required operational permit is a violation of fire code and subject to penalty.

For questions or to schedule an inspection, please contact AFR Fire Code Officials at 303.326.8998 or AFDLifeSafety@auroragov.org. Additional information is available online at www.auroragov.org using the keyword Food Truck.