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This document concerns the general requirements for cooking equipment used in fixed, mobile, or temporary concessions, such as trucks, buses, trailers, pavilion, or any form of roofed enclosure (tents are exempt).

Cooking equipment used in processes producing smoke or grease-laden vapors shall be equipped with an exhaust system that complies with all the equipment and performance requirements of NFPA 96, Standard for Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations, 2001 Edition.

Cooking equipment that produces grease-laden vapors that might be a source of ignitions of grease in the hood, grease removal devices, or duct shall be protected by fires extinguishing equipment per NFPA 96, Standard for Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations, 2001 Edition.

There requirements will be enforced throughout the City of Lincoln beginning March 1, 2012, on any temporary concession enclosures to be used that are not already in place before March 1, 2012. An inspection for compliance will be conducted by the Bureau of Fire Prevention prior to the use of the concession enclosure. Existing temporary concession enclosures will be evaluated by the Bureau of Fire Prevention to determine the necessary provisions that impact the personal safety of the occupants.

Please contact me if you have any questions concerning this letter.

Thank you,

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