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TITLE: Recurring Event Food Booth Fees

CODE EDITION: 2015 International Fire Code (IFC) as adopted and amended by the City of San Antonio

SECTION: 2015 IFC Amendments § 320 FOOD BOOTHS and § 321 MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS

PURPOSE: Clarification on permitting requirements for recurring food booth operations

QUESTION: I operate a food booth at a weekly recurring Farmer's Market. Can I obtain an annual permit similar to the "Mobile Food Establishment" that the San Antonio Fire Department offers?

ANSWER: Yes, but with certain stipulations. Food booth vendors that operate at recurring weekly or monthly events can apply for an annual permit under our Mobile Food Establishment section of the code. However, it will only be authorized for five (5) recurring event locations and one original set-up configuration. Any booth that will set-up at another recurring event site beyond the initial five (5) will be subject to re-inspection and will have to pay the appropriate fee for each site. All booths will be subject to inspection throughout the year under the annual permit.

Example: A vendor obtains an annual permit for \$300 (+3% tech fee) for a recurring Farmer's Market. The vendor moves the booth, with the same configuration, to 4 other Farmer's Markets on different days of the week. The vendor does not pay any additional fees for these additional 4 locations. The vendor then requests to move the booth to a completely different recurring event on a bi-weekly basis under the annual permit. The vendor will pay a \$75 (+3% tech fee) general re-inspection fee for the new site and configuration.

QUESTION: Will I have to pay for a re-inspection if I add equipment, change my original booth configuration, or change physical location within the permitted event site?

ANSWER: No. The vendor must call the Fire Marshal's Office to have the booth configuration inspected, but the inspection fee is covered under the annual permit. The general re-inspection fee is intended for booths that move to another recurring event location beyond the 5 initially permitted sites.

QUESTION:

Will my annual permit cover me for events such as Fiesta where I leave my booth set up an entire week?

ANSWER:

No. Section 321.1.2 of **Mobile Food Establishments** reads that these types of operations “*left on site for more than 24 hours at carnivals, fairs, festivals, or other public events will be subject to Food Booth permit requirements, inspections, and fees set forth in Section 320 and Section 105.6.49 of this code in addition to any fees associated with the annual mobile food establishment permits.*” The daily fee and inspection will apply.



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