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TO: San Antonio Fire Department and Development Services Department Associates
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FILE: Code Interpretation Manual

INTERPRETATION NUMBER: CI2019-004

TITLE: Mobile Food Establishment Exhaust Hoods

CODE EDITION: 2018 International Fire Code and Amendments

SECTION: 319.3 Exhaust Hood

PURPOSE: To clarify when an exhaust hood with an associated suppression system is required for newly permitted mobile food establishments (food trucks).

QUESTION: The code section reads that trucks permitted after 90 days of the adoption of the code are required to install hoods in accordance with Section 607. Does this requirement apply to a truck that has an existing permit and is renewing?

ANSWER: No. The requirement is for newly permitted trucks such as those permitted and inspected for the first time in the city. The requirement is not retroactive and does not apply to trucks that are renewing their permits and have been in continuous use.

QUESTION: My annual permit lapsed because I have been operating exclusively in another city for the past 3 years. Does the new requirement for an exhaust hood apply to my truck now that I wish to obtain a new permit and re-establish my operation in the city?

ANSWER: Yes. The requirement is for newly permitted trucks or those that have not maintained their permits in the city.

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