

# Office of the Fire Commissioner



## Inspection and Technical Services

### Mobile Food Truck Inspections

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A reference guide entitled ***Guideline for Mobile Food Trucks in Manitoba*** has been created with Manitoba Health and the City of Winnipeg to assist mobile food truck owners navigate the system for getting their trucks permitted.

In Manitoba, the Office of the Fire Commissioner (the OFC) inspects installations of gas burning equipment (which use natural gas or propane as its fuel source) and electrical equipment installed in mobile food trucks. These inspections are conducted under the authorities of *The Gas and Oil Burner Act*, *The Electricians' Licence Act* and corresponding Regulations.

### Gas Burning Equipment

Inspection and Technical Services (ITS), a section of the OFC, utilizes the following gas related codes which are adopted through Regulation, to conduct their inspections:

- *CSA B149.1 Natural Gas and Propane Installation Code (B149.1 Code)*
- *CSA B149.2 Propane Storage and Handling Code (B149.2 Code)*

Mobile food truck owners are required to apply to install any gas burning equipment in their food truck.

- An *Application for Field Approval and Inspection of Mobile Food Trucks* must be submitted to obtain a permit to install the gas burning equipment.
- An appointment to book an inspection of the gas burning equipment can be made by calling (204)945-3373.

### Electrical Equipment

Inspectors with the OFC or an Inspection Body, utilizes the following electrical code to conduct their inspections:

- *Manitoba Electrical Code (MEC)*

Mobile food truck owners are required to have any electrical installations inspected by an approved agency.

- If you are choosing to use the OFC as an Inspection Body:
  - An *Application for Field Approval and Inspection of Mobile Food Trucks* must be submitted to receive an appointment to have your electrical field approved.
- If you are choosing to use an approved Inspection Body that is not the OFC:
  - Please contact that company directly for guidance on their business.

- If you are uncertain if the Inspection Body you wish to utilize to field approve your electrical installation is approved, please call the OFC at (204)945-3373 to verify.

**Documentation**

Applicants may obtain approval on gas and/or electrical installations by completing the *Application for Field Approval and Inspection of Mobile Food Trucks*, and submitting with any required documentation and payment in person or by mail:

Office of the Fire Commissioner  
 508 - 401 York Avenue  
 Winnipeg Manitoba R3C 0P8

**Site Inspections**

Inspector(s) may require licensed individuals to verify that the equipment is operating properly through required tests. Proof of testing will include providing the inspector with a completed *Gas Piping Pressure Test Report for Mobile Food Trucks*.

Inspector(s) will issue an Inspection Report upon completion of the site inspection. Orders may also be issued at the Inspectors discretion. If deficiencies are noted, a re-inspection may be required.

Upon the successful completion of the inspection, the following will either be mailed to you for your records or applied to the equipment directly:

- A letter indicating that all gas burning equipment has been installed in accordance with CSA B149.1 Code and CSA B149.2 Code; and/or
- An *OFC Field Approval Label* will be placed on the equipment’s rating plate for electrical installations.

**Fee and payment information:**

**Gas:**

The permit fee for the installation of gas burning equipment is \$60 plus a charge based on the capacity of the gas burning equipment (see fee schedule below). Gas permit fees are payable at the time of application. Re-inspection fees may apply. For information regarding gas permit fees, please refer to *The Gas and Oil Burner Regulation*.

<b>Fee Schedule for Gas Burning Equipment</b>	
0 – 80,000 BTU	\$15.00
80,001 – 400,000 BTU	\$50.00
400,001 – 3,000,000 BTU	\$140.00

**Electrical:**

The field approval fee for the inspection of electrical equipment is \$215.00. This fee is payable at the time of application. Re-inspection fees may apply. For information regarding field approval for electrical components, please refer to *The Electricians’ Licensing Regulation*.

**Payment methods are as follows:**

- Cash/Debit (*In person only*)
- Cheque/money order made payable to the Minister of Finance (*In person or by mail*)
- Credit Card (*In person or by mail by completing a credit card authorization form<sup>1</sup>*)

**Reference Documents**

- *Application for Field Approval and Inspection of Mobile Food Trucks*
- *Gas Piping Pressure Test Report for Mobile Food Trucks form*
- *Guideline for Mobile Food Trucks in Manitoba*

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Website: [www.firecomm.gov.mb.ca](http://www.firecomm.gov.mb.ca)



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<sup>1</sup> Please note that industry standards for payment card data security prevent the use of credit card information sent via email or fax. Credit card authorization forms received by these methods will not be processed.