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All,

I found this definition on the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) website from a presentation at the NFPA 2015 Expo, Mobile Food Truck Regulation: Developing a Recipe for Success. It may have language you wish to include in the glossary and terms for food vending units.

Mobile or Temporary Cooking: Any cooking facility, apparatus or equipment, being operated on a one-time or interim basis, or for less than 90 days in the same location, other than at a fixed location, building or structure which has been inspected and permitted under another section of this code, regulation or statute, inclusive of self-propelled trucks and vehicles, trailered units, push carts, equipment located under cover of awnings, canopies or popup tents, or other structures for which a building permit has not been issued.

Currently the State of Connecticut under the State Fire Safety Code and the Fire Prevention Code does not contain requirements for food vending units. With exception to:

1. Propane under the Fire Prevention Code and NFPA 58
2. Fire department access under the Fire Prevention Code.
3. Temporary cooking in relation to tents and membrane structures under the State Fire Safety Code and Fire Prevention Code, where outdoor cooking that produces sparks shall not be performed within 20 feet of a tent or membrane structure or as approved by the fire code official.

The 2018 Edition of NFPA 1, Fire Code, the 2021 Edition of NFPA 96, Standard for Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations has requirements for Mobile and Temporary Cooking Operations and the 2018 International Fire Code, referred to as Part III of the State Fire Safety, has requirements for Mobile Food Preparation vehicles. These Codes and standards have not been adopted in the State of Connecticut as of yet.

With the adoption of the above Codes and Standard this may allow, under town ordinance, the Fire Marshal Office to require Permits for Mobile or Temporary Cooking / Mobile Food Preparation Vehicles. This would allow for a fee to be collected for the inspection relating to the permit being issued by the Fire Marshal or Fire Marshal designee.

One of the continuing education classes scheduled for May of 2021 for Fire Marshal continuing education credit is Food Trucks and Commercial Cooking. Following the class I would be able to give more insight as to the direction the state is taking as to adopting food trucks into the CT State Fire Safety Code and Fire Prevention Code.

Ecclesiastical commercial kitchens in places of worship would be required to meet the requirements of the CT State Fire Safety Code and Fire Prevention Code.

Solar Harvesting Facilities typically would fall under Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) and not the Fire Marshals Office. The Fire Marshal Office would review and inspect any part of the facility that falls under the Fire Marshal jurisdiction by CT Statute 29-305.

Let me know if you need anything further or have any further questions.

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On Tue, Jan 5, 2021 at 9:18 AM Zoning Admin <Zoningadmin@townoflitchfield.org> wrote:

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