

**KALAMAZOO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE**

**WAIVE OF NON-COMPLIANT
AUTOMATIC FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM**

The International Fire Code and the National Fire Protection Association Fire Code requires a automatic fire suppression systems where grease laden vapors are present.

Mobile Food Service Units which utilizes vegetable oil and / or animal fats. During the cooking process cause a grease laden vapor to develop.

Grease laden vapors and the residue the vapor leaves when it settles in the cooking space and exhaust system are known to ignite and become a fuel source for a fire. A fire in your Mobile Food Service Unit can be dangerous to you, your operators and others near it.

The City of Kalamazoo is allowing the operation of a Mobile Food Service Units which have Non-Suppressed Cooking Systems until January 1, 2020. However the reciprocal inspection completed may not approve your operation in communities other than the City of Kalamazoo.

You are encouraged to contact those communities you wish to operate in to determine if your Mobile Food Service Unit will be allowed to operate within their jurisdiction.