

WELCOME to the 2026 San Joaquin Asparagus Festival!

Contact Heather • 916-370-3647 with any questions *Best to text, as I will be busy with many things. Please mention who you are when texting as my phone number is the main number for the festival and I get hundreds of calls/texts daily.*



APRIL 24-26, 2026

HOURS: 10AM-7PM FRIDAY & SATURDAY • 10AM-6PM SUNDAY

EXTENDED CARNIVAL HOURS: 10PM FRI & SAT • 9PM SUN

**PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE PACKET
BEFORE ASKING QUESTIONS**

MOVE IN DATES & TIMES

Thursday, April 23rd 9am-5pm

Friday, April 24th 7am-9am

It is best to setup on Thursday, as Friday morning will be extremely busy, especially food vendors.

VENDOR CHECK-IN

Vendor check-in is located on map at back of packet. Vendors will receive 2 wristbands per 10x10 space, FOOD vendors receive 4 wristbands per 10x10 space.

If you need more wristbands (\$10 ea.) PURCHASE AT VENDOR CHECK-IN PRIOR TO CLOSING AT 9AM on FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH.

Vendors need to be set up by Friday, 9:30am.

LOCATION

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

1658 S. Airport Way, Stockton, CA 95206

VENDOR PARKING

The vendor parking lot is shown on map at back of packet. **NO PARKING BEHIND THE LIVESTOCK BUILDINGS OR ANY OTHER BUILDINGS PER CAL FIRE. UNAUTHORIZED VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED AT OWNER'S EXPENSE, UNLESS YOU HAVE A PARKING PASS DISPLAYED IN FRONT WINDOW.**

VENDOR NEED TO KNOW!

WRISTBANDS AND PARKING PASSES

The Vendor wristband allows entry and exit at the festival. The band is durable, waterproof and will last several days. **Vendor wristbands will double as your vendor parking pass, show parking attendants for free parking. Wristbands MUST be on wrist prior to entering the fairgrounds.**

PASSING OUT FLIERS AND INFORMATION

It is **NOT** permitted to hand out any type of items or information outside of your booth space. Vendors are to stay within the confines of their own space.

If playing music in your booth, please be considerate of your neighbors and keep the volume at a minimum.

PROMOTIONAL GIVEAWAY ITEMS

Everyone likes something free from candies to key chains! Prohibited items: caps/hats, t-shirts and water as many of our vendors make their living by selling those items.

BOOTHS MUST BE STAFFED AT ALL TIMES, ALL 3 DAYS

RESTOCKING YOUR BOOTH IN THE MORNING BEFORE FESTIVAL OPENS - 8am-9am Sat & Sun

If you have to restock your booth during the event, you will need to use a hand cart or other means of transporting items to your booth, **NO** vehicles on the grounds.

MOVE OUT TIME

Vehicles CANNOT be allowed onto the festival grounds on Sunday until after 6:30pm when the grounds have been cleared of the public! NO EXCEPTIONS All vendors must be fully out of the fairgrounds by Monday, April 27th at 1pm.

NEED A HOTEL?

For a list of hotels nearby the fairgrounds, go to: www.visitstockton.org

**Best Western PLUS Heritage Inn 209-474-3301
Code: ASPARAGUS**

RV/CAMPER/VAN OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

**Payable upon arrival at Vendor Check In
CASH (\$100) OR CREDIT (\$103.50)**

RV spaces with full hookups are limited so please arrive early to Vendor Check-In. The fairground gates are locked at 11pm each night. Should you leave the lot you must be back inside the gates before it is locked at 11pm. **RV parking is behind the livestock buildings. Bring extra long extension cords and hoses if you plan to utilize any water and/or electric available in livestock buildings, be prepared to possibly dry camp as the number of vendors who stay at the festival is increasing year after year.**

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ALL VENDORS WILL SETUP ON THE GRASS OFF THE ROADWAY/WALKWAYS. BRING EXTRA EXTENSION CORDS IF REQUESTING POWER, HOSES IF REQUESTING WATER.

FOOD VENDORS

ALL FOOD VENDORS MUST BRING A TARP TO SET UP ON, AS YOU WILL MOST LIKELY BE PLACED ON THE GRASS.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT & FIRE MARSHALL REGULATIONS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The San Joaquin County Environmental Health Department will be checking food vendor compliance on Friday prior to opening at 10am. **YOU MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE** by having the 3-bucket hand washing sanitation system, boxes of food items raised off the ground, proper hot & cold food temperatures, etc **PLEASE review the health form** you have signed. The Health Department can ask you to leave immediately if you are not in compliance. **Post a copy of the form in your booth, copy will be in your vendor packet upon check-in.**

The biggest complaint from Health Dept is handwashing stations and the temperature of water. Please use kerosene stoves to heat your water or some other way to get hot water for your inspection.

GREASE & OIL WASTE DISPOSAL

Use the designated containers for grease & oil, located near vendors who are deep frying.

FIRE MARSHALL REGULATIONS

If you are cooking you must have the proper fire extinguisher. Each food booth must have a min. 2A10BC rated portable fire extinguisher. Deep fat cooking operations require an additional 40BC extinguisher and/or Class K type fire extinguisher. If you have permission to use your own tent or trailer, it must be in compliance with the California State Fire Marshall Code.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR STATE FIRE MARSHAL SPECIAL EVENTS FORM COMPLETED AND SIGNED WHEN YOU ARE AT FESTIVAL, form is available on our website and we will have blank copies at Vendor Check-In in your packet. The festival does NOT need a copy but you are required to keep a copy in your booth at all times per CAL FIRE. Upon inspection, CAL FIRE will request to see the copy of your form if you fail at your inspection. **It is YOUR responsibility to be compliant with the State Fire Marshalls Fire and Safety requirements. Failure to do so, may lead to being shut down. NO REFUNDS.**

WATER, SODA, ENERGY DRINKS & ICE

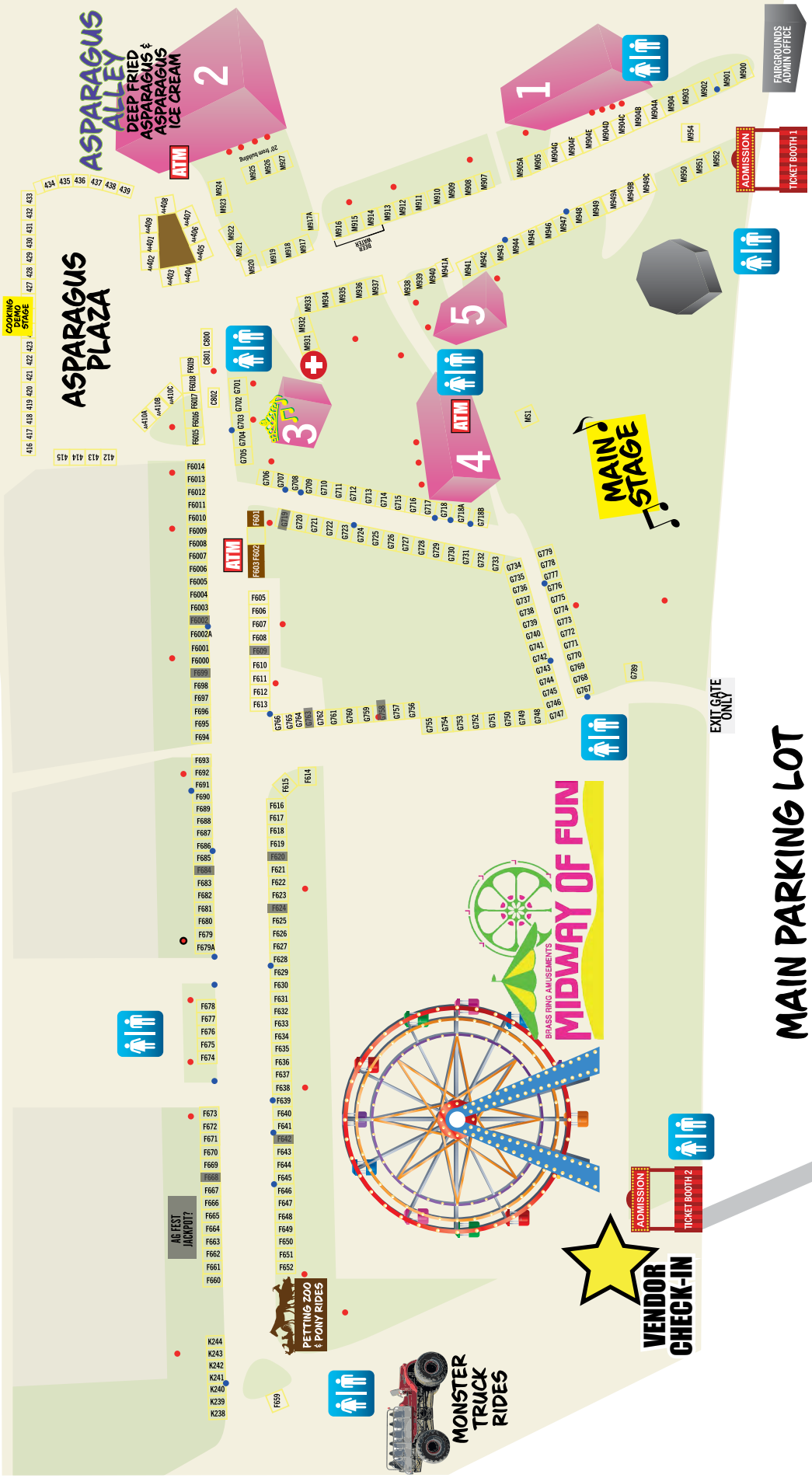
YOU HAVE TO BRING IN YOUR OWN ICE. IF YOU NEED TO REPLENISH YOUR ICE DURING THE EVENT, YOU MUST HAND CART IT TO YOUR BOOTH FROM THE VENDOR PARKING LOT, WE DO NOT HAVE GOLF CARTS TO TAKE THE ICE TO YOUR BOOTH.

SODA AND WATER REQUIRE THE SAME PRICE POINTS AS ALL OTHER VENDORS.

\$3 each - 16.9oz Water

\$3 each - 12oz Can Soda

\$4 each - 16oz Energy Drink



**MAP NOT DRAWN TO SCALE



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ATTENTION VENDORS! PARKING INSTRUCTIONS FOR 2026!

NO PARKING BEHIND THE LIVESTOCK BUILDINGS or ANY OTHER BUILDINGS ON THE GROUNDS PER CAL FIRE WITHOUT A DESIGNATED PARKING PASS.

Please refer to map below on how to access the vendor parking lot.
SINCE THE CARNIVAL IS RUNNING LATER THAN THE FESTIVAL, WE HAVE A DIFFERENT WAY FOR VENDORS TO ENTER THE GROUNDS AFTER FESTIVAL CLOSES DAILY.



You will be able to drive onto the grounds on Thursday (all day) and Friday (6:30am-9am) for set up. ALL VEHICLES MUST EXIT THE GROUNDS AND PARK IN DESIGNATED VENDOR PARKING LOT BY 9AM ON FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH. THERE WILL BE NO VEHICLE ACCESS THROUGH VENDOR CHECK-IN (GATE 11) AFTER 9AM. YOU WILL NEED TO FOLLOW THE RED ARROWS ON MAP TO ENTER VENDOR PARKING LOT. WE WILL HAVE “VENDOR PARKING” BANNERS AT EACH ENTRANCE POINT TO THE VENDOR PARKING LOT.

You MUST stop at Vendor Check-In to receive your wristbands, CAL FIRE documents and any other necessary documentation.

YOUR VENDOR WRISTBAND WILL ALSO BE YOUR VENDOR PARKING PASS. TO AVOID PAYING FOR PARKING, WRISTBAND MUST BE ON WRIST PRIOR TO ENTERING FAIRGROUNDS.

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND POSTED IN EACH BOOTH, BARN, EXHIBIT HALLS PRIOR TO EVENT

BOOTH CONSTRUCTION/LOCATION:

- Minimum of 20 feet from any permanent structure.
- All fabric or pliable canopy covers, side/back drops and decorative material must be inherently fire resistive or treated.
- Exit openings shall be a minimum of 3 feet wide and 6 feet 8 inches in height.

ELECTRICAL:

- Electrical extension cords shall be of the heavy-duty three-wire (grounded), hard-usage type.
- Electrical equipment and installation shall be inspected and approved by a qualified person.

LIVESTOCK/BARN AREAS:

- No space heaters, electric skillets, toasters, coffee makers, hot plates and any other appliances.
- No storage of flammable or combustible liquids or machines.
- Fire hoses, fire extinguishers or other fire equipment shall not be blocked or obstructed at any time.
- The roads around the barns shall be kept clear so that fire apparatus may be able to pass through at any time. Minimum width of these roads shall be 20 feet.
- No parking of any vehicles in any barn or livestock areas.

RV PARKING:

- The site shall maintain an all-weather surface with adequate roads having 20 feet minimum width for fire department apparatus.
- A minimum of 30 feet of clearance shall be provided between the site and any adjoining fair structure or surrounding property.
- All combustible growth shall be cleared from the site and from the property surrounding the site for a distance of at least 30 feet.

FOOD SERVICES AREAS:

- No use or storage of portable containers of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) inside buildings or tents.
- All cylinders must be secured to prevent tipping or falling over.
- Cooking booths must be separated from non-cooking booths by 10 feet.
- All Automatic Fire Extinguishing Systems (Hood System) have been serviced within the last six months.

Fire Extinguishers:

- Each booth shall be provided with a minimum 2A10BC rated portable fire extinguisher.
- Each booth with deep fat fryer shall have a Class K portable fire extinguisher.
- All portable fire extinguishers have been serviced by a SFM licensed company annually with a service tag attached.

- The fire extinguisher must be mounted or secured so that it will not fall over.
- All fire extinguishers must be visible and accessible.

Deep Fat Fry/Flambe Cooking:

- Deep fat frying or flambe cooking operations shall be located in a separate enclosure where only cooking operations are performed.

Wood Barbecue Cooking:

- No wood barbecue cooking inside of booths.
- Only wood barbecue cooking shall be performed in areas away from public access.

- No fuel wood shall be stored inside of booths.

- Metal containers shall be provided for hot coal and ashes.

Charcoal Barbecue Cooking:

- No charcoal barbecue cooking inside of booths or tents.

- Only commercially sold charcoal fuel may be used.

- Charcoal cooking shall be performed only in areas away from public access

- Charcoal cooking shall be located a minimum of 15 feet from any booth

- Charcoal cooking is at least 20 feet from any permanent structure.

EXHIBIT HALLS

- No open flame.

Exiting

- Illuminated exit sign.

- No blocking or obstruction of exit.

- Doors shall not be locked or chained.

- Aisle width shall be maintained according to approved site plan.

Fire equipment

- No blocking of fire hydrants.

- No blocking of fire extinguishers.

- No blocking of standpipe and fire hose cabinets.

- No blocking of fire sprinkler systems.

- No blocking of manual fire alarm pull stations.

- No blocking of fire alarm audible/visual devices such as horns or strobes.

- No blocking of first aide equipment.

Vehicle Static Display

- Battery terminals disconnected.

- Fuel tank shall be no more than 1/4 filled.

- Locked or taped gas cap.

Decorative Materials

- Shall be inherently flame resistive or treated.

Have reviewed and verified this check list that all applicable items listed above are in compliance.

Signature _____

Host Vendor Exhibitor

Title (circle one)

Date _____

**State of California
OFFICE OF THE
STATE FIRE
MARSHAL**



**FIRE & LIFE SAFETY
DIVISION**

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Web Site: <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov>

GENERAL:

Fire and life safety requirements shall be applicable to any exhibit space, booth, trailer or tent within the fairgrounds. This list is not meant to cover all possible situations and the Promoter or Fair is responsible for adhering to all applicable regulations.

1. Plans identifying the configuration of exhibit spaces shall be submitted to the SFM for review and approval 30 working days prior to the event. Plans shall indicate the location and size of all exit doors and aisles, and shall show exhibits both inside and outside of any building. Where seating is provided, the plan shall indicate the number of rows and seats between aisles. Final approval is subject to field inspections.
2. SFM may enter any portion of any exhibit space/ booth at any time for the purpose of inspecting the premises for fire and life safety.
3. No display or exhibit shall be installed or operated that will interfere or block in any way with access to any exit or with the visibility of any exit sign. No display shall block access to fire-fighting equipment, such as fire extinguisher stations, fire alarm pull stations, fire hose cabinets and fire hydrants or access by fire suppression vehicles or equipment.
4. The location of all hydrants, fire extinguishers, water barrels, etc. shall be clearly marked in all areas.
5. The exhibition of vehicles powered by internal combustion gasoline engines inside buildings shall require the following:
 - a. Fuel tank shall be no more than 1/4 filled and the gas cap shall be taped in place to deter removal.
 - b. The battery or batteries shall be disconnected and the battery terminals taped with electrical tape.
 - c. Vehicles shall be inspected by SFM.
6. No open flame is allowed in any Fair Building.
7. Bark dust or like material shall be kept moist at all times.
8. All carpet edges shall be securely taped in place. Carpeting shall only be used on the floor.
9. "NO SMOKING" signs shall be posted. Outside Smoking areas shall be provided with appropriate non-combustible containers for ashes.
10. A housekeeping program shall be maintained and adequate non-combustible trash receptacles shall be provided in all areas and all trash will be removed on a regular basis.

BOOTH CONSTRUCTION/LOCATION:

1. Booths shall be located a minimum of 20 feet from any permanent structure. If conditions warrant, distance may be reduced as approved by the SFM.
2. All fabric or pliable canopy covers, side/back drops and decorative material must be:
 - a. Inherently fire resistive and labeled as such, or
 - b. Treated by a SFM licensed applicator. If the booth is owner occupied, it may be treated by the owner with a SFM approved fire retardant chemical (*empty can and dated sales receipt may serve as proof*).
3. Exit openings shall be a minimum of 3 feet wide and 6 feet, 8 inches in height.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS:

1. Know where the fire extinguisher is located and how to use it.
2. Do not leave food cooking unattended.
3. Do not wear loose-fitting clothing when cooking.

4. Keep combustibles away from heat sources.
5. In case of emergency, dial 9-1-1.

ELECTRICAL:

1. Electrical extension cords shall be of the heavy-duty three-wire (grounded), hard-usage type. No two-wire extension wiring shall be allowed. All extension wiring shall be protected from physical damage and shall be limited to 20 feet in length. This shall be temporary use.
2. Electrical equipment and installation shall be inspected and approved by a qualified person or concern acceptable to the SFM.

LIVESTOCK/BARN AREAS:

1. Heat production appliances, such as space heaters, electric skillets, toasters, coffee makers, hot plates and any other appliances which may be used for cooking purposes, shall **not** be permitted in the barn or livestock areas. Electrical devices in good repair and properly maintained and used in direct connection with the care of animals may be exempt from the above.
2. Smoking shall not be permitted within the barn, stable, or livestock areas, or in exhibits using sawdust, hay or like materials on the floor.
3. The storage of flammable or combustible liquids or machines containing such shall not be permitted inside any livestock areas.
4. Fire hoses, fire extinguishers or other fire equipment shall only be used in case of an emergency. These devices shall not be blocked or obstructed at any time.
5. The roads around the barns shall be kept clear so that fire apparatus may be able to pass through at any time. Minimum width of these roads shall be 20 feet.
6. No vehicles shall be parked in any barn or livestock areas.

RV PARKING: Fire and life safety requirements shall apply to the use or parking of recreational vehicles on undeveloped sites on the fairgrounds.

1. Plans identifying the configuration of the site shall be submitted to SFM for review and approval at least 30 days prior to site development.
2. The site shall maintain an all-weather surface with adequate roads having 20 feet minimum width for fire department apparatus.
3. A minimum of 30 feet of clearance shall be provided between the site and any adjoining fair structure or surrounding property.
4. All combustible growth shall be cleared from the site and from the property surrounding the site for a distance of at least 30 feet.
5. Painted lines, fences, posts, ropes, etc. shall be used to designate roadways from vehicle parking areas.

FOOD SERVICES AREAS: Fire and life safety requirements shall be applicable for all food services areas, including temporary concession stands inside or outside of buildings and food concession trailers.

1. The use, storage and handling of any flammable or combustible liquid shall be subject to approval by SFM. Location of use and storage of any flammable or combustible liquid shall be noted on the plans prior to approval (see General Item #1)
2. The use and storage of portable containers of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) inside buildings or tents is subject to approval by SFM. Location of use and storage of any portable container of LPG shall be noted on the plans prior to approval (see General Item #1). All cylinders must be secured to prevent tipping or falling over.

3. Commercial cooking may be allowed only in approved locations with approved equipment. SFM Approval is required prior to use.
4. Cooking booths must be separated from non-cooking booths by 10 feet.

5. A California licensed company shall service all Automatic Fire Extinguishing Systems (Hood System) every six months. The company performing the service shall either be licensed by the SFM and possess an Automatic Systems License, or possess a C-16 license issued by the California State Contractor's Licensing Board.

Fire Extinguishers:

1. Each booth shall be provided with a minimum 2A10BC rated portable fire extinguisher.
2. Each booth with deep fat fryer shall have a Class K portable fire extinguisher.
3. All portable fire extinguishers must be serviced by a SFM licensed company annually, with a service tag attached.

Deep fat or flambé type cooking operations may require additional and/or larger units, as per the SFM. Fire extinguishers shall conform to the following:

- a. The fire extinguisher must be mounted or secured so that it will not fall over.
- b. It must be visible and accessible and away from cooking area.

Deep Fat Fry/flambé Cooking: Deep fat frying or flambé cooking operations shall be located in a separate enclosure where only cooking operations are performed. Such enclosures shall conform to booth construction requirements as previously outlined, but the top of the enclosure shall be OPEN or, when required by the Health Department, shall be provided with METAL SCREENING with a minimum height of 7 feet.

Wood Barbecue Cooking:

1. Wood barbecue cooking is prohibited inside of booths.
2. Wood barbecue cooking shall be performed only in areas away from public access.
3. Distances from wood barbecues to permanent structures or festival booths shall be as approved by the SFM.
4. Fuel wood shall not be stored inside of booths.
5. Coals shall be disposed of only in metal containers that have been designated for such use and approved by the SFM. Dumping coals in trash containers is prohibited!

Charcoal Barbecue Cooking:

1. Charcoal barbecue cooking is prohibited inside of booths or tents.
2. Only commercially sold charcoal fuel may be used.
3. Charcoal cooking shall be performed only in areas away from public access and shall be located a minimum of 15 feet from any booth with a minimum of 20 feet from any permanent structure.