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Subject: Adoption of NFPA 96 Annex B, Mobile and Temporary Cooking Operations

Good afternoon City Administrators, Mayors , and Council Members,

The Excelsior Fire District has had a Risk Reduction Inspection Program for events that include the inspection of tents, Mobile Cooking Operations and Temporary Cooking Operations (food trucks and trailers) in place for many years.

As you are aware Mobile Cooking Operations and Temporary Cooking Operations (food truck and trailers) have become very popular. The number of food trucks and trailers that operate independently or as part of an event have increased dramatically in the last several years.

As the popularity of food trucks and trailers grew so did the safety concerns of code officials, especially after the 2014 food truck that exploded in Philadelphia critically injuring 2 people and hospitalizing 10 others and the 2015 food truck explosion in the driveway of a Lakeville resident that damaged 20 homes in the neighborhood.

Fire code officials have had to refer to several codes and standards to assure that Mobile Cooking and Temporary Cooking Operations were operating safely in the jurisdiction. These codes included, NFPA 58-LP Gas Code ,NFPA 10-Portable Fire Extinguishers, NFPA 70-National Electrical Code, and NFPA 96 Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations to name a few.

In 2014 the International Fire Marshals Association created a task force to create a new chapter for Mobile and Temporary Cooking Operations in NFPA 96, this chapter combines new requirements with established requirements in the areas of high risk such as propene, ventilation hoods, and solid fuels. In 2017 NFPA 96 was published with a new Annex B, called Mobile and Temporary Cooking Operations.

This March the 2020 Minnesota State Fire Code was adopted along with NFPA 96-2017 Edition-Standard for Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations. However, the new Mobile and Temporary Cooking Operations Annex B was not automatically adopted because it is and optional annex/chapter.

The Excelsior Fire District is requesting that the Cities of Deephaven, Excelsior, Greenwood , Shorewood, and Tonka Bay adopt NFPA 96 Annex B, Mobile and Temporary Cooking Operations. Adoption of the annex would give the Excelsior Fire District the authority to enforce requirements that would reduce the risk of a Mobile or Temporary Cooking Operation accident or explosion. This would be another tool to help the Excelsior Fire District increase safety and reduce risk.

I have attached a copy of NFPA 96 Annex B, Mobile and Temporary Cooking Operations for your reference.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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