



Municipality of Anchorage

Mayor Suzanne LaFrance

-Project Management and Engineering-

POLICY FOR OPERATION OF GENERATORS SPECIAL OUTDOOR EVENTS AND MOBILE FOOD OPERATIONS

In order to increase environmental safety and protect the storm sewer from fuel spills and chronic oil leaks, the following requirement for portable power generators used by mobile and outdoor food and drink vendors shall be met:

Definitions:

- Mobile food and drink vendor: Vehicles (including pull along trailers) that contain generator(s) which operate equipment that produces and/or prepares food or beverages to the public. Exception: vehicles intended for private recreation are not considered mobile food preparation vehicles.
- Outdoor event operator: A structure, canopy, enclosure or shelter with or without sidewalls or drops, which operate equipment that produces and/or prepares food or beverages to the public.
- Portable generator: fuel powered electric generation system used for running equipment.
- Secondary Containment or Absorbent mat: leak proof tray or absorbent pad placed under generator to catch fuel and oil to prevent release to ground.

I. Fuel Operated Generator Used in Mobile Food and Drink Preparation Vehicle:

- a. Mobile Food and Drink Vehicles shall use an underlying containment tray or absorbent mat for catchment of spills and fluid leaks while operating and/or preparing generators for use in food/drink preparation. The secondary containment shall be placed beneath the generator during maintenance and operation.

II. Fuel Operated Generator Used in Special Outdoor Event:

- a. Special Outdoor event vendors shall use an underlying containment tray or absorbent mat for catchment of spills and fluid leaks while operating and/or preparing generators for use in special outdoor events. The secondary containment shall be placed beneath the generator during maintenance and operation.

Policy implementation will be performed by AFD Fire Prevention in conjunction with AFD Policies 18-001 and 20-001.

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