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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTDOOR BBQ PITS

REQUIREMENTS BASED UPON THE TYPE OF FACILITY

• **FIXED FOOD ESTABLISHMENT**

- Outdoor barbeque pits at a fixed food establishment shall have, as a minimum, an overhead cover, an enclosed screened shelter (1/16 inch) and floors that are surfaced with concrete, asphalt or similar smooth, durable, non-porous and easily-cleanable surface. No food preparation activities, other than cooking on the pit, are allowed unless handwash facilities, with hot and cold water, are available in the shelter.

• **TEMPORARY FOOD ESTABLISHMENT**

- The barbeque pits that are operated at a temporary food establishment shall meet the requirements as outlined in TFER, section 228.222. Overhead protection is required at the preparation area and is required at the pit area, if food preparation activities occur at the pit area. Enclosure and screening of the preparation area will be required if there is any evidence of insect, rodent, or other pest contamination. Temporary handwash facilities must be available at the preparation site.

• **MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT**

- Barbeque pits that are on or attached to a mobile food unit must be screened in (1/16 inch) and have adequate measures to prevent contamination of pests. A barbeque pit may be separate from and adjacent to the main mobile food unit, but the barbeque pit shall maintain mobility. A

mobile food unit shall not operate out of a “pit room” or fixed smoker, unless that fixed structure has been permitted as a retail food establishment. All preparation (cutting, slicing, seasoning, etc.) should be conducted inside of the main mobile unit, which must have all required handwashing sinks and warewashing sinks. All cooking on the barbeque pits must be done with overhead protection. Tandem barbeque pit units must accompany the main mobile food vending unit for all inspections and may not operate without the main mobile food vending unit.

- **EXCEPTIONS MAY BE CONSIDERED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS AND REQUIRE A WRITTEN VARIANCE APPROVAL FROM WCCHD.**

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