

**How do I know if I need an OPEN FLAME PERMIT or a VENDING PERMIT to vend in a \*CJ Park or at a recreational facility?** \*Any downtown sidewalk or street vending permits/questions will need to be handled through the Permit Center (Community Development) 907-586-0770.

Read these scenarios:

- 1) Bob is renting the shelter to throw a party for all his incredible peeps in the P&R Department. Bob will be having Karl, who by the way is an incredible cook, BBQ gourmet Kobe burgers on his propane grill.

This event does not require a vending permit or an open flame permit. This type of event is only for P&R staff, not for the public and it's free.

- 2) Bob decides that Karl's cooking stinks, so he hires a local catering company to cook the food. This event requires a vending permit from P&R but no open flame permit is required because this event is only for P&R staff. It's free to us, but a caterer is being used.

- 3) Bob decides that since it's the department's Day of Play, he wants to throw a massive event and invite the **public** to come meet his incredible P&R staff and eat some amazing catered food. This event requires a vending permit from the department AND an open flame permit for the BBQ (or any open flame, including use of sterno and other food warming devices) from the fire department. Any events that are **PUBLIC** events at which food is provided, whether it is free or they charge for it are required to have an open flame permit.

The best way to know if an OPEN FLAME PERMIT is required is, if it is a **PUBLIC** event, it's required.

Open flame permits also require that a fire extinguisher be on site during the cooking. This is not a problem for most caterers, but for smaller groups, in which they might be doing the cooking themselves, they would have to go buy a fire extinguisher.

Open Flame Permits are issued through the Permit Center (Community Development Department) in conjunction with the Fire Marshal's Office – 586-0770; \$50 per vendor and are good only for one use as described in the "fire permit" application, and can only be used for the purpose indicated.

P&R Vending Permits are sold by the day for either commercial businesses or non-profit groups and are sold per vendor per site.

Bonus Topic:

- 4) OPEN FLAME PERMIT vs. OPEN BURN PERMIT?

Open flame permits are for cooking/heating with an open flame for public events and open burn permits are for residential burns (small backyard type of burns and burn barrels) or development burns (the burning of uprooted trees, stumps or other natural vegetation in connection with the construction of buildings, residential, commercial or industrial development, or the initial clearing of vegetation to enhance property value, etc.