

Fire inspection Appeal

About 10 years ago the fire inspector saw that I had no deep fat fryer and I did not fry anything greasy on my grill. So he told me to get a class K fire extinguisher to supplement the dry chemical system. He said I would probably never have a fire big enough for my hood system to kick in, so with a class K extinguisher I would be able to put out any small fire. A class K fire extinguisher is designed for restaurants to put out fat, grease, and oil fires.

The new regulations to phase out the dry chemical systems did not allow the use of these systems at places that did not present a grease fire threat. Because of these regulations, the insurance companies will not insure the fire extinguisher companies to service these dry chemical systems.

It is not that I do not want the system serviced but it is because of these regulations that they will not service them. As I told the inspector I have no deep fat fryer, I fry nothing greasy. He said I would be endangering my customers if I had a fire. I said, I do not Fry anything during business hours, I only use my oven and 3 burners that only have water on them, and I am only open one day a week from 11—to 3. All my preparation is done during the days I am not open to the public, so I pose no threat to the public.

About three years ago I had to get a loan from the government because of the damage caused to my business by light rail. It was a forgivable loan, if I stay in business for 5 years. I have 2 more years and the loan is forgiven. Only my wife and I run the restaurant and we can not afford to invest

from 2 to 3 thousand into our business that we plan to close down in 2 years.

There will not be a restaurant in our place after we close down because we have at least 6 major items that have been grandfathered in and will have to be shut down as a restaurant.

I am asking for a 2 year extension to continue my restaurant business as I have been, so that my loan will be forgiven and I can prepare to close my business after 37 years.