

**KANSAS STATE FIRE MARSHAL**  
**Health Care Fire Fact**

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**Life Safety Code 2000**

**1-1.1- Scope**

This edition of NFPA 96 provides the minimum fire safety requirements (preventative and operative) related to the design, installation, operation, inspection, and maintenance of all public and private cooking operations except for single-family residential usage. These requirements include, but are not limited to, all manner of cooking equipment, exhaust hoods, grease removal devices, exhaust ductwork, exhaust fans, dampers, fire- extinguisher equipment and all other auxiliary or ancillary components or systems that are involved in the capture, containment, and control of great laden cooking effluent.

**19-3.2.6 – Cooking Facilities**

Cooking facilities shall be protected in accordance with 9.2.3

**Exception:** Where domestic cooking equipment is used for food-warming or limited cooking, protection or segregation of food preparation facilities shall not be required.

**Appendix: 19-3.2.6**

The exception is intended to permit small appliances used for reheating, such as microwave ovens, hot plates, toasters, and nourishment center, to be exempt from the requirement for commercial cooking equipment.

**9.2.3. – Commercial cooking equipment.**

Commercial cooking equipment shall be in accordance with NFPA 96, Standard for ventilation control and fire protection of commercial cooking operations, unless the existing installation, which shall be permitted to be continued in service, subject to approval by the authority having jurisdiction.

**NFPA 96**

**General Requirements:**

**1-3.1** – Cooking equipment used in processes producing smoke or grease laden vapors shall be equipped with an exhaust system that complies with all the equipment and performance requirements of this standard, and all such equipment and performance shall be maintained per this standard during all periods of operation of the cooking equipment.

**7-1.2** – Cooking equipment that produces grease laden vapors (such as, but not limited to, deep fat fryers, ranges, griddles, broilers, woks, tilting skillets, and braising pans) shall be protected by fire extinguishing equipment.