


CITY OF CHICAGO  
**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS**

**CODE MEMORANDUM**

To: Department of Buildings Plan Examiners and Inspectors

From: Judith Frydland   
Commissioner

Date: February 8, 2016

Re: **The Use of Portable Hand Sinks for Temporary Cooking or Food Preparation Stations**

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The use of portable hand sinks for temporary food preparation areas or cooking stations is allowed subject to the following:

- 1) The temporary food preparation area(s) or cooking area(s) is within or on the property of and under the direct control and management of a City of Chicago licensed food establishment such as a restaurant, a food store, a mercantile or assembly establishment licensed to sell or serve food, or a cooking school.
- 2) The food establishment has a current license from the Department of Public Health and the use of the temporary food preparation station or cooking area has received Department of Health review and approval.
- 3) The licensed food establishment must have an employee who holds a current Food Service Manager Certificate on the premises during the use of the portable hand sink(s).
- 4) If the Sink is filled by a hose, the hose shall be a listed or certified NSF Food Grade Hose.
- 5) If there is a temporary electrical connection to a portable hand sink it shall conform to City of Chicago Electrical Code.