

**FAIRFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**STANDARD 92-40**

**DESIGNATED FIRE LANES**

**AUTHORITY:** Chapter 8, Section 8.1 City Ordinance, California Fire Code (C.F.C.), Section 503, California Vehicle Code, Sections 21458 (a), and 22500.1

**DEFINITIONS:**

APPROVED refers to approval by the fire chief as the result of investigation and tests conducted by the fire chief or by reason of accepted principles or tests by national authorities, or technical or scientific organizations.

AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION is any state, county, city or town, or district or other political subdivision adopting this code for use in its jurisdictional area.

DESIGNATED is identified by the authority having jurisdiction.

SHALL indicates a mandatory requirement

STANDARD means the rules and regulations contained in the Fairfield Fire Department Fire Prevention Standards and are designed to provide specific guidelines to the California Fire Code.

Approved fire lanes shall be designated by the local authority having jurisdiction to maintain access for emergency vehicle apparatus ONLY.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

Access roadways shall be a minimum of 20 feet in width and a minimum of 13'6" in height unless otherwise indicated. The minimum construction of an access roadway shall be in conformance with the Fire Prevention Standard regarding construction of such access roadways unless superseded by more restrictive requirements. CFC 503.2.1.

**PAINTING:**

All curbing or driveway surfaces along a designated fire lane shall be painted red. When painting a surface other than a curb, the painted fire lane shall not be less than 6" in width. Every thirty (30) feet the wording "NO PARKING - FIRE LANE" shall be stenciled with white or approved reflective paint. This stenciling shall be no less than 3" in height.

**SIGN(S):**

1. Minimum size of the sign 12" x 18". (see example)
2. Lettering shall be red on a white background. See example for required text.
3. Lettering shall be 3" in height with a 3/8" stroke.
4. Signs shall be constructed of a durable material and shall be mounted on a permanent post that is highly visible and approximately 6' in height.
5. Signs shall be posted immediately adjacent to the marked fire lane, or at the main vehicular access points to the property and shall be clearly visible from a vehicle. Additional signs may be required due to visibility and location of fire lanes upon the designation of the authority having jurisdiction.

**MAINTENANCE:**

It is the responsibility of the property owner or responsible party to maintain fire lanes in accordance with C.F.C. Sections 503.1.1 through 503.1.3

**FINAL:**

Designated fire lanes shall be inspected and approved by the local authority having jurisdiction upon completion and prior to any enforcement. Fire lanes are only enforceable when an approved fire lane sticker has been placed on the sign(s). A map indicating the location of approved fire lanes, in red, will be maintained in the Prevention Bureau.

NOTE: The above list is a summary and may not include all requirements for your business.