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FIRE LANE MARKINGS REQUIREMENTS PACKET



STAFFORD FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

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I. FIRE LANES

1. Fire lane means an area appurtenant to entrances or exits of a building which is deemed necessary by the Fire Marshal or his representatives as herein described to remain free and clear of parked vehicles in order to provide access to such building in case of fire or other emergency and designated by the Fire Marshal or his designated representatives from the Fire Prevention Division of the Fire Department. Such lane shall be of a width of not less than 28 feet perpendicular to such exits and entrances and shall extend for the minimum length necessary to provide access for fire vehicles.
2. Fire Lanes shall be installed where required by the Office of the Fire Marshal. Fire lanes shall be marked with both sign and curb delineation per the requirements if applicable. Parking and traffic flow patterns shall be required as follows:

Table 503.2.1.1

Street Width	Parking	Fire Lane Markings
< 28 feet	No parking allowed on either side	Both sides marked as fire lanes
28 to 36 feet	Parallel parking allowed on one side as determined by the fire code official	One side marked as a fire lane
> 36 feet	Parallel parking allowed on both sides	No fire lane markings required Exception: Required access to pools, fire department apparatus access roads and similar areas shall be marked as fire lanes

FIRE LANE STRIPING



1. All required curbs marked as fire lanes shall be provided and maintained with fire lane striping that consists of a red background stripe from the roadway to the back of the curb.
2. Four inch (4") high white letters stating "FIRE LANE NO PARKING TOW- AWAY ZONE" SHALL be painted upon the red stripe at about twenty feet (20') increments along the entire length of the fire lane showing the exact boundary of the fire lane.
3. The text painted on the surface should have about twelve inches (12") of separation between each statement, "FIRE LANE" "NO PARKING" "TOW-AWAY ZONE" with about a twenty- foot separation before repeating the statement.

Illustration of approved fire lane markings is as follows:

12"	12"	20'	12"	12"
FIRE LANE	NO PARKING	TOW- AWAY ZONE	FIRE LANE	NO PARKING

4. For areas where space is limited, those areas shall adjust the marking to show the exact boundary of the fire lane with the approval by the Fire Marshal or an authorized designee of the Fire Marshal's Office.
5. On curb less driveways designated as fire lanes, the design shall be a six inch (6") wide red background stripe with four inch (4") long stroke white letters stating "FIRE LANE NO PARKING TOW- AWAY ZONE" SHALL be painted upon the red stripe at about twenty feet (20') increments along the entire length of the fire lane showing the exact boundary of the fire lane.
6. This design SHALL be utilized unless otherwise approved by the Fire Marshal or an authorized designee of the Fire Marshal's Office.
7. Where the above fire lane markings are determined to be inadequate in controlling traffic, the property owner will be required to post fire lane signs in addition to other markings.

MAINTENANCE OF FIRE LANE STRIPING

All designated fire lanes SHALL be maintained and kept in a state of good repair at all times by the owner or person in control of the premises. Upon notification that the fire lane is not clearly marked, the fire lane SHALL be repaired or repainted to meet the city code. Failure to maintain the fire lane SHALL constitute a violation of the fire code.





NOTE:

Final Acceptance: Prior to requesting a final on-site inspection the fire lanes shall be painted and marked accordingly, refer to the reference packet if needed. Before a Certificate of Occupancy will be issued the fire lanes will be verified and approved by the Stafford Fire Marshal's Office.

Requests for final acceptance testing from this office must be made at least 48 hours in advance from the time the request was submitted.

You should receive a response within 24 hours.

ALL TYPES OF INSPECTIONS MUST SUBMIT AN ELECTRONIC REQUEST FOR AN INSPECTION (FOUND ON THE CITY OF STAFFORD WEBPAGE)

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Questions regarding fire lane markings and fire apparatus access roads may be submitted by email to fireinspections@staffordtx.gov

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE REQUIREMENTS LISTED IN THIS LETTER WILL RESULT IN A REJECTION OF SUBMITTED PLANS AND OR FINAL APPROVAL FROM THE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE.

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