

Fire Lane Requirements

Every second counts when it comes to saving a life. That is why it is so important to have well marked and clear fire lanes. So your firefighters can have clear and easy access to the building and fire hydrants.

The following requirements are for commercial occupancies within the city limits of Carnation, Issaquah, North Bend and Sammamish.

All designated fire lanes shall be clearly marked by the property owner in the following manner: Vertical curbs shall be painted six inch (6") inches in height and shall be painted **RED** on the top and side, extending the length of the designated fire lane with four inch (4") white block lettering stenciled on the face "NO PARKING – FIRE LANE". The stenciling shall be space every fifty feet (50'). Rolled curbs or surfaces with curbs shall have a six inch (6") wide **RED** stripe painted extending the length of the designated fire lane with four inch (4") white block lettering stenciled on stripe "NO PARKING – FIRE LANE". The stenciling shall be spaced every fifty feet (50').

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Signs may be substituted for curb painting when approved in writing by the Fire Marshal.

Signs shall not be less than 18 inches in height by 12 inches (12") in width, with block lettering of not less than 3-inch-high brush stroke, reading: "NO PARKING – FIRE LANE." Such signs shall be reflective in nature, with red lettering on a white background, and be spaced at intervals of not less than 50 feet (50') apart. The top of such signs shall not be less than 4 feet (4') nor more than 6 feet (6') from the ground. Signs may be placed on buildings when approved in writing by the Fire Chief. When posts are required, they shall be constructed of either 2-inch or greater galvanized steel, or 4-inch by 4-inch or greater pressure treated wood.

The Fire Chief may approve deviations from any of the specifications when practical difficulties exist. Requests for deviations must be in writing and shall state the reasons therefore and shall be maintained on file in the Fire Department's records.

Existing signs may be allowed to remain until the Fire Chief determines that a need for replacement exists based on the illegibility or other deterioration of the existing signs. Such replacement shall occur within 30 days of receiving written notification of the deficiency.

Fire lane markings shall be established and maintained as often as required by the Fire Chief to clearly identify the designated area as a fire lane, at the sole expense of the property owner. The property owner shall have completed the required establishment or maintenance of fire lanes within 30 days of receiving written notification that such is necessary.

At the entrance to the property where fire lanes have been designated, signs shall be posted in a clearly conspicuous location, and shall clearly state that vehicles parked in fire lanes may be impounded, and the name, telephone number, and address of the towing firm where the vehicle may be redeemed.

The owner, manager, or person in charge of any property upon which any designated fire lane has been established shall be responsible to prevent the parking of vehicles in such fire lanes by informing the appropriate towing company of the violation. If the lane is blocked by any other obstructions, the owner, manager, or person in charge of the property shall attempt to remove the obstruction, and, if unable, shall inform the Fire Department that the obstruction exists.

All criminal violations of the International Fire Code and obstruction of a fire apparatus road may be enforced by any regular or reserve police officer of the Police Department.

The Fire Chief and such other personnel of the Fire Department as designated by the Fire Chief and approved by the City Administrator, shall have the authority to issue infractions for violations of the International Fire Code on forms provided by the Chief of Police for such purposes.

Any vehicle or object obstructing a designated fire lane is hereby declared to be an immediate hazard to the public safety, and may be impounded without notice to the owner pursuant to applicable law. (Chapter 46.55 RCW)

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