



Fire Lane Requirements

In general, fire lanes must be at least 20 feet in width, not less than 13' 6" in unobstructed height and able to support fire vehicles.

Designated fire lanes shall be marked by both of the following:

- 1. signs posted at a minimum height of 7' measured from the street or sidewalk to the bottom of the sign. When signs are wall/fence



mounted the top of the sign may be no lower than 5' above the street or sidewalk.

Place signs at a maximum center-to-center spacing of 150 feet on both sides of the fire lane or put an additional sign beneath the fire lane sign lettered as "both sides." Signs must be a type "R8-31" or equivalent reflective sign no less than 12" x 18" in size,

with a white background and the wording NO PARKING FIRE LANE in red letters.

- 2. curbing painted red with 3-inch minimum white lettering to read NO PARKING FIRE LANE at 50-foot intervals. Where no curb exists, stenciling shall be placed on pavement with minimum 10" white block lettering on continuous 16" red background to read: NO PARKING FIRE LANE at 50-foot intervals. See illustration below.

Before marking any new fire lanes, submit for the fire official's approval a plan which indicates

all fire lanes and proposed fire lane sign placements for the project site.

It is the property owner's responsibility to prevent the parking of vehicles or placement of other obstructions in such fire lanes.

Towing Notification

At each entrance to property where fire lanes have been designated, post in a clearly conspicuous location signs which indicate the name, telephone number, and address of the towing firm where the vehicle may be redeemed.

Violation – Civil Infraction

Any person who fails to make or maintain the markings of a designated fire lane or who parks a vehicle in, obstructs, or allows the obstruction of a designated fire lane commits a civil infraction to which the provisions of R.C.W.7.80 apply. The penalty for parking a vehicle in, allowing the parking of a vehicle in, or obstructing a designated fire lane is \$100.00.

Call 425.577.5656 to report fire lane violations.

Impoundment

Any vehicle or object obstructing a designated fire lane, whether on public or private property, is hereby declared a hazard and may be abated without prior notification to its owner by impoundment pursuant to the applicable state law.

For reference, see Bellevue City Code 23.11.503.

For additional clarification or information please contact the Fire Prevention Division of the Bellevue Fire Department at 425-452-6872.

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