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FIRE LANE MARKING REQUIREMENTS

Fire Lane and Access Roads shall be determined by the Fire Code Official as outlined in the **International Fire Code 2015 edition chapter 5:**

503.2.1 Dimensions. Fire apparatus access roads shall have an unobstructed width of not less than **20 feet**.

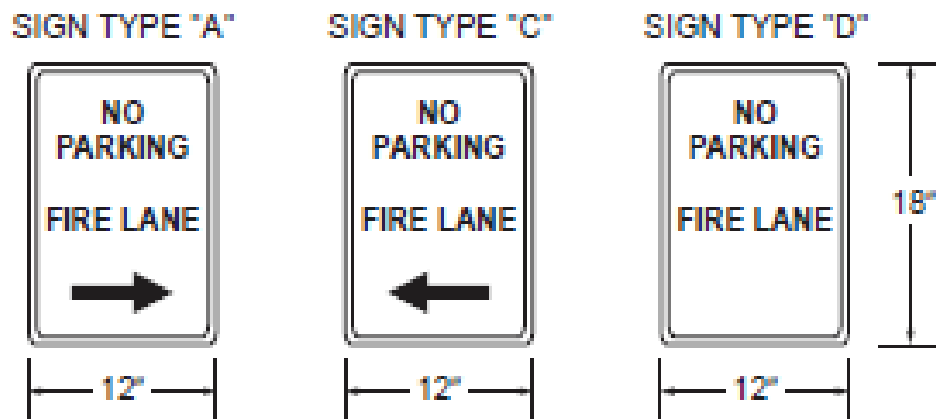
Section 503.3.1 Maintenance. The owner or person in control of any building for which fire lanes have been designated shall mark and maintain said fire lanes by painting stripes on the surface of said roadways to designate the fire lane for fire apparatus in accordance with the specifications of Section 505.3 and in such a manner so as to be visible to a reasonably observant person.

Section 503.3.2. Specifications for Marking. All required fire lanes shall be provided and maintained with fire lane striping which consists of a **six (6) inch wide red background stripe with four (4) inch high white letters using three quarter (3/4) inch stroke stating "FIRE LANE NO PARKING" or "NO PARKING FIRE LANE" to be painted upon the red stripe every forty (40) feet along the entire length of the fire lane**, showing the exact boundary of the fire lane. The words "FIRE LANE NO PARKING" or "NO PARKING FIRE LANE" **must be grouped together as a phrase**. Separating the words "NO PARKING" and "FIRE LANE" spacing them forty (40) feet apart does not meet the intention of the code. **Fire lane markings shall be upon the vertical surface of the curb** unless otherwise approved by the Chief.



Sec. 11-11. Same--Maintenance. All fire lanes shall be maintained and kept in a state of good repair at all **times** by the owner, manager or person in charge of the premises, and the city shall never be responsible for the maintenance thereof.

Section 503.3.4. Alternate Signs Allowed or Required. If the Chief or authorized representative determines that other means of notice are ineffective to designate a fire lane, signs may be required by written notice to the property owner. These signs shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. When required, these signs shall be erected and maintained bearing a red legend stating "No Parking Fire Lane" with letters of at least two inches (2") in height on a white reflectorized background at least twelve inches (12") wide by eighteen inches (18") tall. Signs shall be permanently affixed to a stationary post and the bottom of the sign shall be six feet, six inches (6'6") above the finished grade. Signs shall be spaced not more than fifty feet (50') apart. Signs may be installed on permanent buildings or walls as approved by the Chief or authorized representative. Additional signs may also be required by written notice from the Chief.



**FIGURE D103.6
FIRE LANE SIGNS**