



## **FIRE LANE MARKING**

Chapter 5 of the Fire Code addresses fire department access and when fire lanes shall be marked. The marking of fire lanes must be maintained in good condition. This standard describes the fire lane marking guidelines established by the Fire Department. Repair and maintenance of fire lane markings shall conform to this standard.

Section 22500.1 of the California Vehicle Code states:

No person shall stop, park, or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a peace officer or official traffic control device along the edge of any highway, at any curb, or in any location in a publicly or privately owned or operated off-street parking facility, designated as a fire lane by the fire department or fire district with jurisdiction over the area in which the place is located.

The designation shall be indicated (1) by a sign posted immediately adjacent to, and visible from, the designated place clearly stating in letters not less than one inch in height that the place is a fire lane, (2) by outlining or painting the place in red and, in contrasting color, marking the place with the words "FIRE LANE", which are clearly visible from a vehicle, or (3) by a red curb or red paint on the edge of the roadway upon which is clearly marked the words "FIRE LANE".

### **ON-SITE ACCESS WAYS AND INTERNAL DRIVE FIRE LANE MARKING REQUIRED AS FOLLOWS:**

#### Width

- 36 feet or greater - No requirements
- Between 28 and 36 feet - post one side
- Between 20 and 28 feet - post both sides
- Less than 20 feet - not allowed, unless specifically approved

### **MINIMUM STANDARD FOR THE MARKING OF FIRE LANES**

**Signs:** One sign shall be provided at each point of entry to the property facing incoming traffic.

- Signs must conform to Figure 1.
- Signs must be installed in accordance with Figure 2.

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**Marking:** Fire lanes shall be marked using one of the following 3 options.

### **Option 1**

- Signs within three feet of the beginning and ending of each fire lane and every 100 feet in between.
  - Signs must conform to Figure 1.
  - Signs must be installed in accordance with Figure 2.

### **Option 2**

- Outlining the fire lane area in painted lines of red traffic paint six inches (6") in width to show the boundaries of the lane. Within the area of the fire lane, the words "NO PARKING FIRE LANE" or "FIRE LANE NO PARKING" shall appear in twelve-inch (12") high white letters with a two-inch (2") stroke at 50-foot intervals.

### **Option 3**

- Marked by painted lines of red traffic paint six inches (6") in width to show the boundaries of the lane. The words "NO PARKING FIRE LANE" or "FIRE LANE NO PARKING" shall appear in four inch (4") high white letters at 15-foot intervals on the red border markings along both sides of the fire lanes. Where a curb is available, the stripping shall be on both the vertical and horizontal faces of the curb.

**FIGURE 1**



**All signs**

White on Red  
Reflectorized  
1" minimum letter height

**Fire Lane Signs**

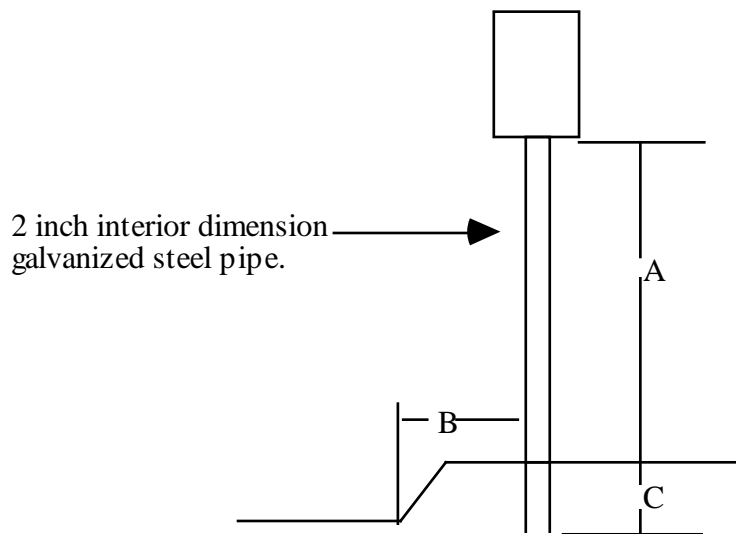
0.063 Gauge  
12" x 18"

**Entrance Signs**

0.080 Gauge  
18" x 24"

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**FIGURE 2**



A = 7 feet in sidewalk or pedestrian areas

B = 18 inches standard curb  
24 inches rolled curb

C = 24 inches minimum embedment

NOTE: Signs may be mounted on entrance gates, buildings, or existing posts if they are within 24 inches of the curb or edge of the road surface