



Informational Bulletin From the Office of the Fire Marshal

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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.



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.

Fire Lane - Sign Placement

Requirements City of Camas

[See Camas Municipal Code 17.19.040.B.8](#)

Requirements City of Washougal

- Lanes/streets less than 26 feet wide – signs mounted on both sides of lane.
- Lanes/streets wider than 26 feet but less than 32 feet wide– signs mounted on one side of the lane (preferably the same side of the lane as the fire hydrants).
- Lanes/streets 32 feet wide or more - signs not required by the Fire Department.
- It is the property owner's responsibility to prevent the parking of vehicles or placement of other

obstructions in such fire lanes/streets.

General Sign Posting Requirements

Designated fire lanes shall be marked as follows:

1. Signs posted at a minimum height of 7' measured from the street or sidewalk to the bottom of the sign.
2. When signs are wall/ fence mounted the top of the sign may be no lower than 5' above the street or sidewalk.
3. Place signs at a maximum center-to-center spacing of 75 feet on both sides of the fire lane or put an additional sign beneath the fire lane sign lettered as "both sides."
4. 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.

Fire Lane Curb Painting Requirements

1. Curb shall be painted red with 4-inch minimum white lettering to read:
"NO PARKING FIRE LANE" at 50 foot intervals.



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2. Where no curb exists, stenciling shall be placed on pavement with minimum 10" white block.
3. Outlining or painting the fire lane on the roadway surfaces shall be done in yellow, red, or white with contrasting letters that read "FIRE LANE" at 50 foot intervals and/or as specified in the specifications on file at the Fire Prevention Office or as otherwise directed by the fire official.
4. Striping shall be a minimum 10" in height.



on public property commits a civil infraction to which the provisions of R.C.W.7.80 apply.

Private Property – Towing Notification

At each entrance to private 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.

Public Property – Impoundment

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

Hammer-heads and other turn-around provisions required for fire apparatus – signs shall be mounted on each side of all Lanes/streets within the turn-around.

Violation – Civil Infraction, and or Impoundment

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