



OPERATING POLICY 7 FIRE LANES AND ACCESS TO BUILDINGS AND HYDRANTS



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- A. In accordance with Kirkland Municipal Code, Chapter 21.34, the following standards governing Fire Department access to buildings, by means of Fire Department Access Roads (Fire Lanes), and access to fire hydrants shall apply.
1. Kirkland Fire Department Operating Policy No. 4 relating to fire hydrants shall apply.
 2. When posted with a sign(s) reading "NO PARKING - FIRE LANE," roadways, gates, driveways, alleys, or other access ways (whether on private or public lands) shall be unencumbered at all times to permit immediate access of fire and emergency vehicles.
- B. All Fire Department Access Roads (Fire Lanes) required by the Fire Marshal will be marked in the following manner:
1. Signs with minimum dimension of 12 inches wide by 18 inches high, with lettering on a reflectorized background to read: NO PARKING - FIRE LANE, or as directed by the Director of Fire Services, shall be installed. (See attachment to this memorandum for detailed drawing.) Signs shall be mounted so that the top of the sign is not over six feet in elevation, nor lower than four feet in elevation from the curb elevation. When in a straight line of sight, these signs shall be no further than one hundred twenty feet (120') apart. This distance may be reduced when curves, corners, or other adverse sighting conditions restrict the line of sight.
 2. Designated Fire Department Access Roads (Fire Lanes) shall be painted. This shall include both the vertical and horizontal portions of the curb. Minimum three-inch (3") lettering which shall read: NO PARKING - FIRE LANE, shall be placed every thirty feet (30') or portion thereof on the vertical portion of the curb. The entire curb length shall be painted. If there are rolled curbs or no curbs, stenciling shall be placed on pavement. Minimum ten-inch (10") block lettering on continuous background shall read: NO PARKING - FIRE LANE. Stenciling shall be placed every sixty feet (60') or portion thereof. Stenciling shall be of a contrasting color to that used for the curbing or background color on rolled curbs or no curbs. Allowable colors are, Yellow curbing with Black lettering, or Red curbing with White lettering.

Exception: Variations to Fire Lane marking and signage may be approved when, in the opinion of the Fire Marshal, the proposed signage and markings sufficiently ensure against the obstruction of fire lanes and access roads. Property owners or management companies requesting relief from the fire lane marking requirements shall provide written acknowledgment to the Fire Department that they will be solely responsible for enforcement of no-parking requirements. The property owners or management companies shall also acknowledge that if their property is found at any time to be in violation of the no-parking requirements, the Fire Marshal retains the right to revoke the variations.

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3. Posted roadways, gates, driveways, alleys, or other access ways (whether on private or public lands) shall be unencumbered at all times to permit immediate access of fire and emergency vehicles.
4. Curb painting and signs shall be installed and maintained at the expense of the property owners abutting such access easement or the property owner(s) upon whose property the painting or signs are installed.

Note: Fire lane signs may be obtained by doing an on-line search for "Fire Lane Signs." Companies that perform curb painting and stenciling may be found on-line under "Parking Lot Maintenance and Marking." Here are some suggested links. However, there may be others.

<http://www.yellowpages.com/kirkland-wa/parking-lot-maintenance-marking>

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<http://www.yellowbot.com/tags/parkinglotmaintenance/Seattle,%20WA/page1.html>

*Policy Approved 1/24/2011 by
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TOP LEFT
COLORS: LEGEND - WHITE
BACKGROUND - RED

TOP RIGHT & BOTTOM
LEGEND - RED
BACKGROUND - WHITE

* REDUCE SPACING 60%
** REDUCE SPACING 50%