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FORT MYERS CODE OF ORDINANCES FIRE LANES and FIRE ZONES

Section 40-8. Fire lanes.

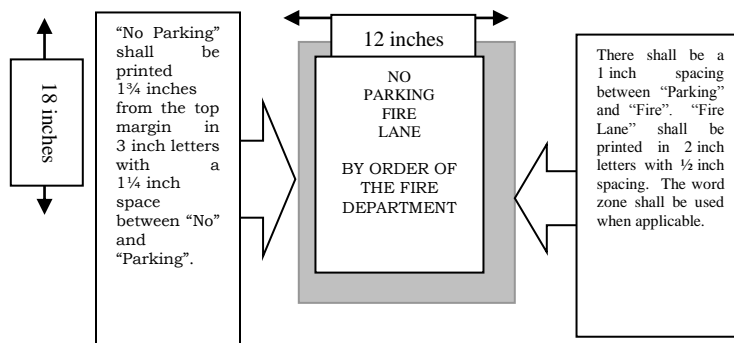
(a) *Required; exception.* All buildings that the city fire department may be called upon to protect, that are not readily accessible to an adjacent local street, shall be provided with a suitable fire lane or parallel access drive unless the analysis of the fire marshal indicates the fire access is unnecessary. Such fire access is necessary for all buildings three or more stories in height which are not adjacent to a local street. Any permitted gates are subject to approval by the fire marshal.

(b) *Fire lanes.* Fire lanes shall have a minimum turning radius of 25 feet inside and 45 feet outside or as approved by the fire marshal.

(c) *Signs.* All existing and proposed fire lanes shall be posted with signs meeting the following specifications:

(1) *Face.*

- a. All lettering shall be upper case and of the type approved by the fire marshal.
- b. Wording shall be as follows:



SIGN FACE

****NOTE**** The radii (edge) shall be 1 1/2 inches. The margin shall be one-half inch. The border shall be one-quarter inch.

(2) *Color and reflectorization:*

- a. Parking prohibition signs shall have a red message on a white background.
- b. Letters, symbols and borders shall be reflectorized.

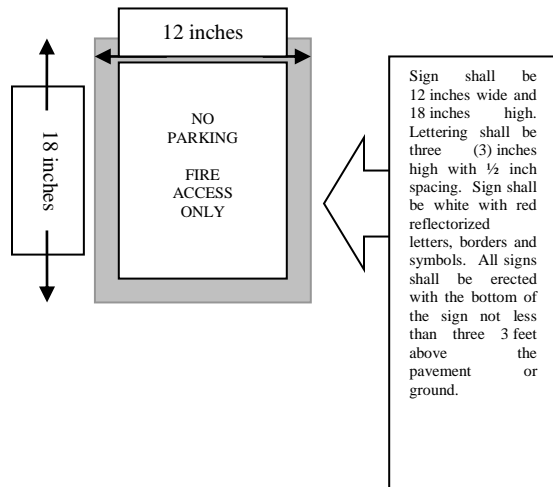
(3) *Placement and location:*

- a. All signs shall be erected with the bottom of the sign not more than 7 feet in height from the roadway to the bottom part of the sign.

- b. Spacing of parking prohibition signs shall not exceed 50 feet and shall be in accordance with approved plans or as directed by the fire prevention bureau.
 - c. Signs, sign posts and their foundations shall be mounted and constructed to hold signs in a proper and permanent position, and to resist swaying in the wind or displacement by vandalism.
 - d. Parking prohibition signs shall be erected adjacent to pavement marking indicating parking restriction.
- (d) Pavement markings:
- (1) *Fire lanes.*
- a. Fire lanes shall be no less than 20 feet in width.
 - b. A single 4 inch wide yellow line shall be painted 1 inch off the curb structure for the entire length of the fire lane: and at the center of the fire lane and at the opposite side from the curbline.
 - c. Lettering to face in alternating directions when traffic flows in two different directions.
 - d. Fire Lanes shall be as follows:



- (2) *Fire zones.* Fire Zones required in accordance with this section shall be as follows:
 - a. Fire zones shall be a minimum of 15 feet in width.
 - b. The word "Fire Zone" shall be 20 inches high with a 4 inch wide paint stroke in all capital letters.
 - c. All fire zone pavement markings shall be in traffic yellow paint.
 - d. The balance of the space shall be crosshatched in 4 inch wide stroke diagonal lines.
 - e. Parking prohibition signs stating "No Parking Fire Zone" shall be erected adjacent to pavement markings.
- (e) *Emergency Vehicle Access.* Emergency vehicle access shall consist of a 20 foot wide stabilized Limerock Bearing Ratio (LBR) 40 base. Posts shall be corrosion resistant with red reflectors on all sides and spaced a minimum of 20 feet apart with 24 inches of post exposed above ground. The property owner shall maintain the posts, signage, and emergency vehicle access area. If area is grassed over, grass shall be maintained so not to obstruct the posts. Signs shall be posted at both ends of the access road meeting the following specifications:
- (1) *Face.*
- a. All lettering shall be upper case and of the type approved by the fire marshal.
 - b. Wording shall be as follows:



- (f) *Obstructions.* Obstruction of fire department access roads; fire lanes; fire zones or fire hydrants by parking, temporary structures or any other means is prohibited and subject to tickets or towing by the police department as any other parking violation, or may be enforced by the fire department.
- (g) *Retention areas.* No new wet or dry retention areas shall be directly adjacent to any structure unless prior approval is received from the fire marshal.