



Chesterfield County, Virginia Fire & EMS



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Establishment of Fire Lanes on Public Streets and on Private Property Devoted to Public Use

When he deems it necessary, the fire official shall designate fire lanes on public streets and on private property, devoted to public use such as, but not limited to, commercial, industrial or residential buildings, for the purpose of preventing parking in front of or adjacent to fire hydrants or providing access for fire fighting equipment.

Signs and marking to delineate fire lanes, as designated by the fire official, shall be provided and installed by the owner or his agent of the property involved.

All buildings less than 30 feet in height shall have an all weather fire lane at least 20 feet in width within 30 feet of the building or as required to provide access for fire fighting activities and equipment or as specified on an approved site plan.

All buildings 30 feet or more in height shall have an all weather fire lane 26 feet in width parallel to the side of the building no closer than 15 feet and no further than 30 feet from the building or as required to provide access for fire fighting activities and equipment or as specified on an approved site plan.

These signs and/or markings, to notify operators of motor vehicles of the boundaries of fire lanes and the restrictions related thereto, shall be in accordance with specifications contained herein and any deviation there from shall be approved by the fire official.

Specifications:

1. Fire lanes shall be a minimum of 20 feet in width and the entire length shall be designated by the use of yellow reflective traffic paint upon the curb.
2. In addition to the curb marking, signs notifying the ordinarily observant person of the regulations shall be posted at intervals not less than 75 feet, nor more than 100 feet apart. When deemed necessary by the fire official of the Fire and Life Safety Division, or his duly authorized representative, such signs shall be mounted on both sides of the post to give adequate and timely notice of regulations. The signs shall contain the following message:

“NO PARKING FIRE LANE TOWING ENFORCED”

They shall be fabricated in accordance with the specifications contained in the **Virginia Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Street and Highways** in the Parking Signs Section.

3. All required signs and pavement markings shall be maintained in a condition acceptable to the fire official of the Fire and Life Safety Division.

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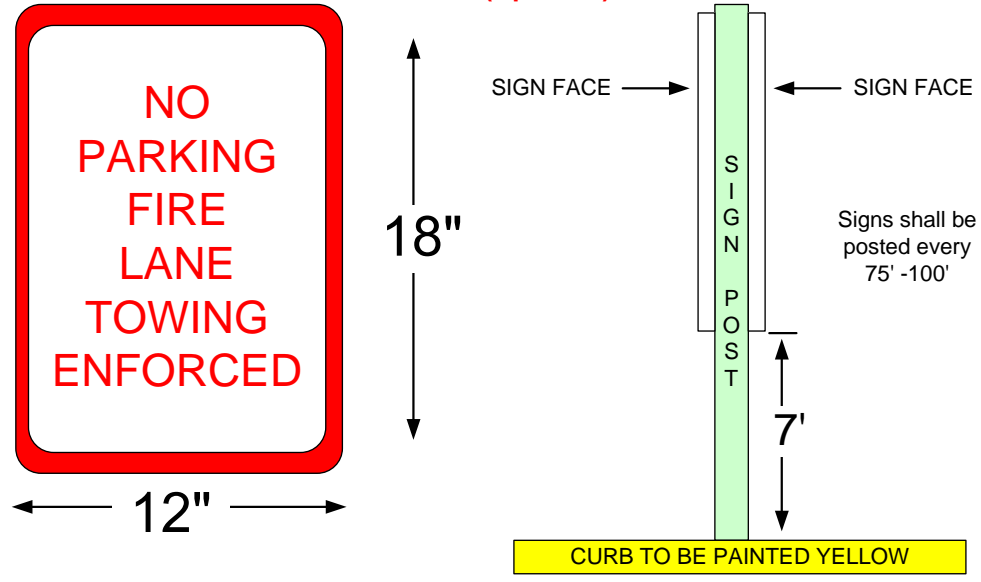
Illegal Use:

1. No person shall park or leave an unattended vehicle in, or otherwise obstruct with a vehicle, any designated or marked fire lane.
2. No person shall place or locate any equipment, materials, or any other object or otherwise obstruct any designated or marked fire lane.

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Fire Lane Parking Signs

(Option A)



SIGN COLORS: RED LETTER AND BORDER ON A REFLECTIVE WHITE BACKGROUND
 LETTERS: TWO (2) INCH "C" SERIES
 NOTE: THIS DRAWING IS FOR GUIDANCE ONLY. REFER TO THE MANUAL OF UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES FOR STREETS AND HIGHWAYS FOR SPECIFICATIONS.

20'-26' MARK BOTH SIDES OF STREET
 OVER 26' to 32' MARK ONLY ONE SIDE
 APPLIES TO BOTH OPTIONS

Pavement Markings

(Option B)

