

# FIRE LANE REQUIREMENTS

## **D103.6 Signs and markings.**

Where required by the *fire code official*, fire apparatus access roads shall be marked, at the expense of the owner, with permanent NO PARKING AT ANY TIME--FIRE LANE signs. Such signs shall be of standard size, color, lettering and mounting complying with El Paso City Code, Title 19, Subdivision Ordinance – Design Standards for Construction. Placement of fire lane signage shall meet the following:

1. One sign shall be posted at each end of an official fire lane. Each sign shall have a single head arrow showing the appropriate direction of the fire lane.
2. A fire lane longer than 100 feet shall have intermediate signs posted at even intervals. Intermediate signs shall have a double headed arrow indicating the fire lane is continuous. The intermediate signs may be posted as necessary, but in no case shall the interval between fire lane signs be greater than 100 feet.
3. The fire lane sign shall be securely fastened to a suitable pole or support with a minimum vertical clearance above the sidewalk of 7 feet.
4. When poles are used to mount fire lane signs they shall be placed 2 feet 6 inches behind the face of the curb. In accordance with the El Paso City Code, Title 12 – Vehicles and Traffic, no pole or obstruction may be placed within 5 feet of a fire hydrant.
5. Fire lane signs shall be posted parallel to the lane or curb to which they apply.
6. When the distance between the curb and a building, light standard or other structure is 8 feet or less, the fire lane signs may be posted on the face of the building, light standard or other structure. The bottom of the sign shall be located 7 feet above the adjacent sidewalk.

When required by the fire official, the owner shall also cause curbs or pavement to be painted red and be conspicuously and legibly marked with the warning "**FIRE LANE--TOW AWAY ZONE**" in white letters at least three inches tall, at intervals not exceeding 50 feet. It is unlawful for any person, without lawful authority, to remove any signs designating a fire lane. It shall be unlawful for any person to place, maintain or display any unauthorized fire lane, or use the color red for the marking of a no parking zone that purports to be, imitates or resembles official signage or marking of a fire lane.

## **9.52.200.9 Section D103.6.1 Roads 20 to 26 feet in width, amended.**

International Fire Code, 2009 Edition, Section D013.6.1 Roads 20 to 26 feet in width, is hereby amended to read as follows:

### **D103.6.1 Roadways governed by Subdivision Ordinance.**

Signage and marking of fire apparatus access roads within subdivisions shall be as prescribed in the Subdivision Ordinance of the City of El Paso, Texas.

## **9.52.200.10 Section D103.6.2 Roads more than 26 feet in width, amended.**

International Fire Code, 2009 Edition, Section D013.6.2 Roads more than 26 feet in width, is hereby amended to read as follows:

### **D103.6.2 Roads less than 28 feet in width.**

Fire apparatus access roads less than 28 feet wide (8.5 m) shall be posted on both sides as a fire lane.

## **9.52.200.11 Section D103.6.3 Roads more than 28 feet in width, added.**

International Fire Code, 2009 Edition, Section D103.6.3 Roads more than 28 feet in width, is hereby added to read as follows:

### **D103.6.3 Roads more than 28 feet in width.**

Fire apparatus access roads more than 28 feet wide (8.5 m) and less than 36 feet wide (11 m) shall be posted on one side of the road as a fire lane.

## **9.52.200.12 Section D103.6.4 Responsibility, added.**

International Fire Code, 2009 Edition, Section D103.6.4 Responsibility, is hereby added to read as follows:

### **D103.6.4 Responsibility.**

The owner or his representative of a building which is adjacent to the fire lane shall be responsible for maintaining the fire lane and ensuring that the fire lane free is clear of obstructions. It is unlawful to park any vehicle other than an authorized emergency vehicle in any fire lane. Unauthorized vehicles parked in designated fire lanes that block fire department or other emergency vehicle access may be towed to a designated storage facility by the authority of the *fire code official*.

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## 9.52.200.13 Section D103.6.5 Records, added.

International Fire Code, 2009 Edition, Section D103.6.5 Records, is hereby added to read as follows:

### D103.6.5. Records.

The official records of the designation and location of any such fire lanes shall be kept by the fire official. The fire official may require the property owner to submit site plans for determining and recording fire lanes on the property.

## 9.52.200.14 Section D103.7 Enforcement, added.

International Fire Code, 2009 Edition, Section D103.7 Enforcement, is hereby added to read as follows:

### D103.7 Enforcement

The *fire code official* is empowered to enforce all fire lane violations when a designated fire lane is properly identified by signs, painted curbs, painted pavement, and or by combination thereof.

## 9.52.200.8 Figure D103.6 Fire Lane Signs, amended.

International Fire Code, 2009 Edition, Figure D103.6 Fire Lane Signs, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Figure D103.6  
Fire Lane Signs**

**Example 1: Fire Lane "Intermediate" Sign**



**Example 2: Fire Lane "End" Sign**



**Example 3: Fire Lane "End" Sign**



See Exhibit: TITLE 19 – Subdivision Ordinance – Design Standards for Construction  
Section 7-24