



FIRE PREVENTION STANDARD #9

FIRE LANES

Article 9 of the Fire Code addresses fire department access and when fire lanes must be marked. The marking of fire lanes must be maintained in good condition. This standard describes the fire lane marking guidelines established by the Fire Department. Repair and maintenance of fire lane markings shall conform to this standard.

ON-SITE ACCESS WAYS AND INTERNAL DRIVE FIRE LANE MARKING REQUIRED AS FOLLOWS:

Width

- 36 feet or greater - No requirements
- Between 28 and 36 feet - post one side
- Between 20 and 28 feet - post both sides
- Less than 20 feet - not permitted

METHOD OF MARKING

Option 1 - Paint curb red or post signs. (Required of all new facilities)

All curbs adjoining fire lanes or other required access areas shall be painted red.

Signs shall be provided as follows:

Signs must be provided within 3 feet of each end of curbed areas and spaced a minimum of 100 feet apart thereafter.

One sign is required for each island adjacent to a fire lane or other access area if the road width is less than 20 feet.

Signs are to face on-coming vehicular traffic.

Signs must conform to Figure 1.

Signs must be installed in accordance with Figure 2.

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Option 2- Paint curb red, post signs at area entrances, and stencil street.

Allowed at existing facilities which were not originally required to post signs. Facilities with wording provided on curb instead of asphalt must stencil the roadway during the next maintenance activity.

All curbs adjoining fire lanes or other required access area shall be painted red.

Signs shall be provided as follows:

One sign shall be provided at all points of entry to the property.

Signs are to face on-coming vehicular traffic.

Signs must conform to Figure 1.

Signs must be installed in accordance with Figure 2.

Roadway stenciling shall be provided as follows:

Stenciling must be provided within 3 feet of each end of curbed areas and spaced a minimum of 100 feet apart thereafter.

Stenciling must say "NO STOPPING FIRE LANE".

Lettering shall be a minimum of 12" high with a 2" stroke.

Signs are to face on-coming vehicular traffic.

Signs must conform to Figure 1.

Signs must be located in accordance with Figure 2.

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All signs

White on Red
Reflectorized
1" minimum letter height

Fire Lane Signs

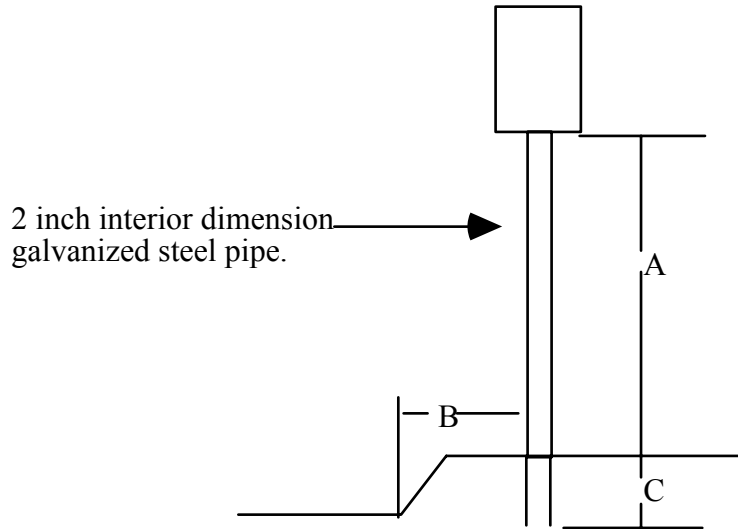
0.063 Gauge
12" x 18"

Entrance Signs

0.080 Gauge
18" x 24"

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FIGURE 2



A = 7 feet in sidewalk or pedestrian areas

B = 18 inches standard curb
24 inches rolled curb

C = 24 inches minimum embedment

NOTE: Signs may be mounted on entrance gates, buildings, or existing posts if they are within 24 inches of the curb or edge of the road surface

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