



# SOUTH METRO FIRE RESCUE

## Fire Marshal's Office

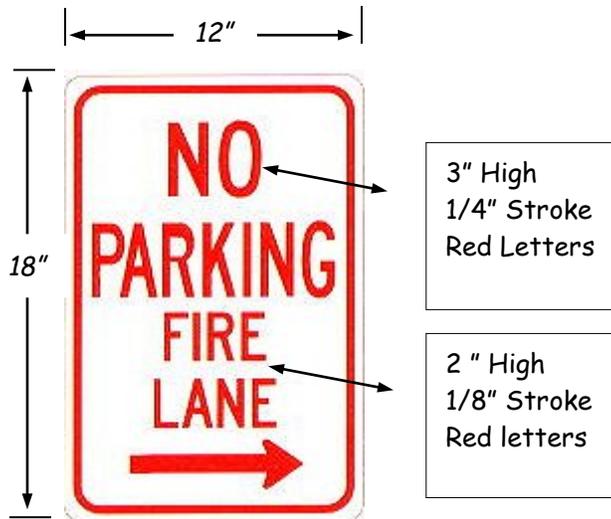
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## RE: Fire Lane Requirements

**Posting of Fire Lanes:** The posting of the "Fire Lanes" is required.

**Fire Lane Sign Dimensions.** NO PARKING – FIRE LANE signs shall measure 12 inches wide and 18 inches high.



**Fire Lane Sign Characteristics:** Signs shall be engineer grade reflective sheeting on 0.80 aluminum with red lettering on a white background.

**Fire Lane Sign Locations.** Fire apparatus access roadways between 20 and 28 feet wide, signs shall be posted on *both sides*. Fire apparatus access roadways between 28 feet wide and 36 feet wide, signs may be posted on *one side only*.

**Fire Lane Sign Installation.** NO PARKING – FIRE LANE signs shall be installed as follows:

1. Bottom edge of the signs shall be 7 feet above surface (sidewalk) and post shall be placed 24 inches from flow line (curb).
2. One sign at the beginning of the restriction (one arrow pointing towards the restriction zone).
3. One sign at the end of the restriction (one arrow pointing back into restricted zone).
4. One sign at least every 200 ft. within the restricted area (double arrow pointing in each direction, to indicate the continuing restriction).
5. Spaced evenly within the restriction (for straight curbs/zones). For example, if the parking restriction zone is 300 ft long, only one double arrow sign is required at a distance of 150 ft. from the beginning of the restriction. If the restriction zone is 600 ft. long, two double arrow signs are required; spaced 200 ft. evenly from each other and from the beginning/ending signs.
6. Spaced so that at least one readable sign is visible in front of a parked vehicle from any point along the restriction (for curved curbs/zones and areas that may present visual obstacles.)
7. Set at an angle of no fewer than 30 degrees and no more than 45 degrees with the lane of traffic flow visible to approaching traffic.
8. Signs shall be provided at all normal and emergency access points to structures and within 20 feet of each fire hydrant and fire department connection (FDC).
9. Some areas may need additional fire lane signs. Contact the Fire Marshal's Office for any additional requirements or if you have any questions not answered by this document.



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**Fire Lane Sign Types.** The diagrams below indicate the types of signs that may be used, and the recommended placement.



Additional sign styles may be used – provided the same type is used consistently.



**Painting of Curbs or Streets.** In addition to the required signage, South Metro Fire Rescue does permit fire lanes to be painted with curb or street markings. However, these markings *shall not* replace the required fire lane signs. Curbs may be painted red with 3 inch white block letters stating **NO PARKING – FIRE LANE**. Lettering shall be spaced every 15 feet.