



Section 503.1.1 Access to Buildings by Fire Apparatus

An approved fire apparatus road shall extend to within 150 feet of all portions of a facility and its exterior walls. Larger buildings may require more than one approved apparatus road.

Section 503.2 Specifications

- (a) All buildings within Montgomery County shall have adequate access for fire department apparatus. The building owner or tenant shall designate fire lanes, with Fire Marshal approval. In no case shall a fire lane be less than twenty (20) feet wide, or 28 feet wide in curves, with a vertical clearance of less than thirteen (13) feet six, (6) inches.
- (b) All fire lanes shall be posted and marked by the building owner or tenant. Fire lanes may be marked using signs, pavement markings, curb markings or a combination thereof with the following specifications:
 - (1) Signs. Signs shall read “FIRE LANE – NO PARKING” and shall be at least twelve (12) inches wide and eighteen (18) inches high. Signs shall be painted on a white background with letters and borders in red, using not less than two-inch lettering. Signs shall be permanently affixed to a stationary post, and installed six (6) feet, six (6) inches above the finished grade. Signs should be spaced no more than 50 feet apart. Signs may be installed on permanent buildings or walls.
 - (2) Pavement Markings. All pavement markings shall be installed using red and white traffic paint. The boundaries of the fire lane shall be identified by red stripes at least six (6) inches wide. The words “FIRE LANE – NO PARKING” shall appear in four inch white letters at no more than twenty-five (25) foot alternating intervals on the red border markings.
 - (3) Curb Markings. Curb markings shall be painted in red traffic paint from the top seam of the curb to a point even with the driving surface. The words “FIRE LANE – NO PARKING” shall appear in four inch white letters at no more than 25 foot intervals along the curb

What you must do

Submit a simple diagram (with dimensions) of the property to the Fire Marshal's Office.

Mark fire lanes as directed by the County Fire Code (2006 IFC)

What we will do

Review plans for compliance with the code
Inspect Fire Lanes after completion for compliance

Additional Responsibility: Owner / Tenant

Section 503.3 and 503.4 Marking and Obstruction

Maintain fire lane markings, signage

Ensure that fire lanes are kept free of obstructions (vehicles) at all times.

Traffic Calming devices shall be prohibited unless approved by the Fire Code Official.

In order to maintain fire lanes, an owner or tenant may choose to designate Fire Lane Tow Away Zones. In order to do so, Texas State Law requires that in addition to adding the Tow Away Zone designation to fire lane marking and signs, the owner or tenant must comply with Texas Towing Regulations.

For more information on the Texas Towing Act

<http://tlo2.tlc.state.tx.us/statutes/docs/OC/content/pdf/oc.014.00.002308.00.pdf>