



Benicia Fire Department – Fire Prevention Policies

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Access roads designated by the Fire Department as **FIRE LANES** shall be designated and marked as follows:

1. *Painting curbs red:*

A. Red curbs shall be marked by **white** lettering “**NO PARKING – FIRE LANE**” a minimum of three inches tall with a ½ inch wide minimum stroke. The interval between stenciled lettering shall be adequate to inform the public of the existence of the fire lane but in no event shall the interval exceed 25 feet.

OR:

B. Areas without curbs shall have the edge of the roadway painted **red** a minimum of eight inches wide and clearly marked by **white** lettering “**NO PARKING – FIRE LANE**” a minimum of four inches in height with a ¾ inch wide minimum stroke. The interval between stenciled lettering shall be adequate to inform the public of the existence of the fire lane, but the interval shall not exceed 25 feet.

2. *Installing “NO PARKING – FIRE LANE” signs:*

A. Size:

The “**NO PARKING FIRE LANE CVC 22500.1**” sign shall be no smaller than 12 inches wide and 18 inches high and shall be similar to California Regulatory Sign **R26F**.

B. Characteristics:

The signs are to be all-season durable with red lettering on a reflective white background.

C. Installation:

1. The signs shall be permanently affixed to a stationary post with the bottom of the sign at seven feet high above the adjacent grade or surface. Minimum embedment of post shall not be less than 24 inches.



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2. A sign shall be positioned at the beginning and end of the fire lane and at 50 foot intervals staggered on each side of street, road, or driveway (if both sides are designated as fire lane) or as designated by the fire marshal. Sign intervals shall not exceed a maximum 50 feet distance.
3. Where fire lanes are less than 50 feet in length, a single sign positioned in the center with arrows pointing in both directions is permissible.
4. The signs shall be positioned where clearly visible to traffic.