

Fire Lane Requirements

Fire lanes must be at least 20 feet in width, with the street edge closest to the building at least 10 feet away from the building.

Designate fire lanes by signs posted at a minimum height of:



(1) 60" to the top of the sign when it is in a place where pedestrians do not pass by or under the sign. This application includes signs mounted on the building face, a column, or other fixed mounting surface;

(2) 80" to the top of the sign when the pedestrian path does pass by or beneath the sign. This application includes signs mounted

on a fixed post located in a sidewalk and/or traffic island.

Place signs at a maximum center-to-center spacing of 150 feet on both sides of the fire lane or put an additional sign beneath the fire lane sign lettered as "both sides." Signs must be a type "R8-31" or equivalent reflective sign no less than 12" x 18" in size, with a white background and the wording "No Parking Fire Lane" in red letters.

Paint the fire lane curbing red with 3-inch white lettering to read FIRE LANE NO PARKING at 50-foot intervals. See illustration below.

Submit for the fire official's approval a plan which indicates all fire lanes and proposed fire lane sign placements for the project site.

As required by Bellevue City Ordinance, it is the property owner's responsibility to prevent the parking of vehicles or placement of other obstructions in such fire lanes.

Towing Notification

At each entrance to property where fire lanes have been designated, post in a clearly conspicuous location signs which indicate the name, telephone number, and address of the towing firm where the vehicle may be redeemed.

Violation – Civil Infraction

Any person who fails to make or maintain the markings of a designated fire lane or who parks a vehicle in, obstructs, or allows the obstruction of a designated fire lane commits a **civil infraction** to which the provisions of R.C.W.7.80 apply. The **penalty for parking** a vehicle in, allowing the parking of a vehicle in, or obstructing a designated fire lane is **\$100.00**.

Impoundment

Any vehicle or object obstructing a designated fire lane, whether on public or private property, is hereby declared a hazard and may be abated without prior notification to its owner by impoundment pursuant to the applicable state law.

The subject reference source is from Bellevue City Code 5749, section 23.11.503.4.0. For additional clarification or information please contact the Fire Prevention Division of the Bellevue Fire Department at 425-452-6872.

Copies of the International Fire Code can be found at Bellevue City Hall and public libraries or purchased online.

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