

**City of Chico  
Fire Prevention and Life Safety Bureau**

**STANDARD**

**Fire Lane Marking**

**California Vehicle Code:**

22500.1. In addition to Section 22500, no person shall stop, park, or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a peace officer or official traffic control device along the edge of any highway, at any curb, or in any location in a publicly or privately owned or operated off-street parking facility, designated as a fire lane by the fire department or fire district with jurisdiction over the area in which the place is located.

The designation shall be indicated (1) by a sign posted immediately adjacent to, and visible from, the designated place clearly stating in letters not less than one inch in height that the place is a fire lane, (2) by outlining or painting the place in red and, in contrasting color, marking the place with the words "FIRE LANE", which are clearly visible from a vehicle, or (3) by a red curb or red paint on the edge of the roadway upon which is clearly marked the words "FIRE LANE".

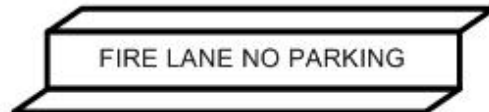
(In addition to the Vehicle Code requirements, the words "No Parking" should be added to reinforce that parking is not permitted.)

**City Requirements for Fire Lanes:**

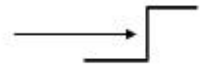
Any portion of a structure in excess of 150 feet from the roadway will require an access lane with a minimum width of 20 feet. Access lanes and required turn-arounds less than 28 feet in width shall require posting "Fire Lane No Parking" on both sides. Lanes 28 feet to less than 32 feet shall be posted "Fire Lane No Parking" on one side. Access lanes shall be constructed of an approved all-weather- surface and shall meet the minimum turning radii of 28 feet inside and 48 feet outside.

**FIRE LANE MARKING OPTIONS:**

**1a. SQUARED CURB**



Minimum 4" white letters by 3/4" stroke on the face of a red curb every 25 to 30 feet



**1b. ROLLED CURB**



Minimum 4" white letters by 3/4" stroke on the face of a red curb every 25 to 30 feet



**2. NO CURB**



Minimum 4" white letters by 3/4" stroke stenciled every 25 to 30 feet on a 6" red stripe painted on the pavement

**3. SIGNS**

Shall be 12" wide and 18" long, made with minimum 1" red reflective letters on a white background.

Signs shall be placed at the beginning and end of the restricted area, visible from the direction of travel. Signs shall be identified as "begin" or "end" as needed with each change in restricted parking condition.

Additional signs may be required (spaced from 90 to 160 feet apart) depending upon visibility and terrain.

