



Emergency Prevention Division

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Travis County ESD 9 Fire Lane Installation Guide

Persons Who May Establish Fire Lanes:

The Code Official may require the property owner to designate and mark areas as fire lanes to provide Fire Department Access. The owner or the manager of a property may also request the establishment of a dedicated fire lane/s on their property. In the latter case the property owner or his authorized representative shall follow:

Section D103.6. Where required by the code official, fire apparatus access roads shall be marked as follows:

Where curb and guttering exists, all of fire apparatus access roads shall be painted red and be conspicuously and legibly marked with the warning “FIRE LANE – TOW AWAY ZONE” in white letters at least three inches tall, at intervals not exceeding 35 feet.

Where no curb and guttering exists, fire apparatus access roads shall be marked with permanent FIRE LANE – TOW AWAY ZONE signs at intervals not exceeding 50 feet. Signs shall have a minimum dimension of 12 inches wide by 18 inches high and have red letters on a white reflective background. Signs shall be posted on one side or both sides of the fire apparatus road as required by Section D103.6.1 or D103.6.2.

Sign Type “A”



Sign Type “B”



1. Provide a map of the property showing in RED ink where the fire lanes are located. Deliver the map to the Emergency Prevention Office located at 1301 S. Capital of Texas Highway, West Lake Hills, TX, 78746. This map is to remain on file in the Code Official’s Office. Any alterations to the fire lane must be approved by the Code Official with a signature and a date.
2. When the fire lane has been inspected and approved by a Fire Inspector and a map is on file in the code official’s office, a letter will be issued to the property owner stating the location of the fire lane and that it has been established according to the International Fire Code.
3. It is the responsibility of the owner/manager of the property to contact the code official’s office when the installation of the fire lane has been completed. This is a VERY Important step because the fire lane does not become a recorded or dedicated fire lane until this office has completed a final inspection.