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FIRE LANE SPECIFICATIONS

FIRE LANE – All curbs in the designated “Area” are to be painted with traffic marking paint. Color is to be yellow.

In the “Area” designated as being the “Fire Lane”, the pavement shall be marked with the words – “NO PARKING FIRE LANE”. A line shall be painted running parallel with the curb and at a distance of 3 feet from the curb, along the entire “Area” designated as the “Fire Lane”. Within this “Lane” the words shall be painted, centered with this “Lane”.

The wording in this “Lane” shall begin 10 feet from the beginning of the “Lane” and shall terminate 10 feet from the end of this “Lane”. From the last word, “Lane” to the next word “No” the distance shall be no greater than 35 feet.

It is realized by this Bureau that modifications or changes to these specifications may be necessary due to the size of said fire lanes. Modifications or changes of these specifications are at the sole discretion of the Fire Official.

The Fire Official can be contacted at The Bureau of Fire Prevention during regular business hours at (856) 863-4000.

LETTERING SPECIFICATIONS

“No Parking Fire Lane”

The size of each letter is to be as follows:

- a) Each letter shall be of the upper case or capitalized version.
- b) Each letter is to be painted in block type.
- c) Each letter shall be not less than 24 inches in height.
- d) Brush stroke of each letter shall be 4 inches.
- e) Color of paint shall be yellow and shall be traffic marking paint.

- f) The line which is to run parallel with the curb line at a distance of three (3) feet from said curb shall be of at least 4 inches in width and no greater than 6 inches.
- g) This line shall begin at the farthest point of the "Fire Lane" and continue along said "lane" and terminate at the other farthest most point of the said "Fire Lane". There shall be no breaks in this line. It shall be one continuous line until its termination. Again – This is to be yellow traffic marking paint.

WARNING SIGNS

- 1) "No Parking Fire Lane" signs shall be posted in conspicuous locations along the said "Fire Lane". These signs shall be visible to persons who would attempt to park in the "Fire Lane".

LOCATION OF SIGNS

- 1) The above mentioned shall be posted either on existing post or pillars along the front of store at the curb line.
- 2) A sign shall be placed at the beginning of the "Fire Lane" and also at the termination of the "Fire Lane".
- 3) Additional signs shall be placed within this zone.
- 4) These signs shall be posted with a distance no greater than 35 feet between each sign.
- 5) The height of the signs shall be no less than six feet and no greater than eight feet in height beginning from the curb or sidewalk to the uppermost edge of the sign.

It is realized by the Bureau that modifications or changes may be required in the specifications pertaining to location of signs. Modifications are at the sole discretion of the Fire Official.

CONSTRUCTION OF SIGNS

- 1) The dimensions of the signs shall be 12 inches in width by 18 inches in height.
- 2) The signs shall contain Red Lettering on a white background which shall be painted on a metal sign or sign approved by the Fire Official.

CONSTRUCTION OF SIGNS (Continued)

- 1) In the event that there exists no posts or pillars along the front of the store or complex at the curb line, then suitable posts shall be installed and installed so as to be permanent. The Bureau in keeping in mind the aesthetics of the building, shall leave the posts design or material up to the owner, with the exception that it shall be approved by the Fire Official.

NO PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN RELATION TO FIRE HYDRANTS

Fire Hydrants – Marking of:

- 1) The curb in front of or nearest to the fire hydrant shall be painted with yellow traffic marking paint.
- 2) The curb shall be painted to the extent of 10 feet in either direction of the actual fire hydrant.
 - a) In the event that a fire hydrant is located in an area where within the 10 feet requirements there exists a vehicle parking spot, that parking spot shall be deleted, and that parking spot shall fall under the specification required for “Fire Lane” , and all fire lane requirements shall be met with the exception of:

- 1) Marking of spot:

Instead of the usual white paint used to designate parking spots, the lines of the spot in relation to the hydrant shall be yellow traffic marking paint.

- 2) The actual words “No Parking Fire Lane” shall be arranged in a vertical configuration rather than horizontal as in “Fire Lanes”, and painted on the pavement.
- 3) This wording shall be able to be read by a person who would attempt to use this spot for parking with the work “No” appearing nearest the curb and the word “Lane” at the entrance to said parking spot.
- 4) Warning signs are not required.
- 5) The curbing shall also be painted with yellow traffic marking paint.

FIRE HYDRANTS – MARKING OF: (CONTINUED)

- 6) Lettering of parking spot:
 - a) The letters or lettering required to mark this spot shall be 2 feet in height.
 - b) Brush stroke shall be 4 inches wide.

SPRINKLER CONNECTIONS

The marking of Sprinkler Connections shall conform to the following specifications.

- a) The Sprinkler Connections shall be marked with signs and shall conform to specifications set forth as dictated in the section under “Warning Signs”, with the following exceptions:
 - 1) The signs must be affixed to the building in close proximity to the sprinkler connections but not to be farther than 3 feet in any direction from the actual sprinkler connection point.
 - 2) “No Parking Fire Lane” restrictions shall apply to this area.
 - 3) The “No Parking Fire Lane” zone shall be 10 feet in width and 8 feet in depth.
 - 4) In the event that a parking spot is in this “zone”, it shall be deleted and marked accordingly as set forth in the section pertaining to hydrants and their requirements.

It is realized by the Bureau that modifications or changes may be required in the specifications listed. It shall be at the sole discretion of the Fire Official.

EXEMPTIONS TO REQUIREMENTS

In the event that a tenant, owner, or business person has already had a fire lane established, and it is in fact already marked accordingly with yellow traffic marking paint and the appropriate signs, and is approved by the Fire Official, the requirements to be met are that the markings be repainted when they become unreadable or at least once a year, whichever comes first, or when the Fire Official feels that in his discretion, the lanes and wording are not suitable.

MAINTENANCE

The painting and marking of the fire lanes and zones shall be the responsibility of the property owner. These zones and lanes shall be maintained by the property owner and at the expense of the property owner, as per the NJ Uniform Fire Code.

All painted surfaces shall be repainted yearly or when they become unreadable or when the Fire Official feels that in his discretion the lanes or zones are not suitable.

All signs shall be replaced or repainted when they become faded and are unreadable, or when the Fire Official dictates such actions.