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ORDINANCE NO. 8868

AN ORDINANCE amending the requirements for marking fire lanes and amending Ordinance 7980, Section 1 and K.C.C. 17.04.070.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 4134, Section 3 as amended and K.C.C. 17.04.070 are amended to read as follows:

Fire lanes - Establishment - Vehicle obstruction and impoundment.

A. Establishment of fire lanes. Fire lanes in conformance with this Code shall be established by the King County fire marshal or his authorized designee, and shall be referred to as designated fire lanes in this section.

B. Definition of fire lanes. The area within any public right-of-way, easement, or on private property designated for the purpose of permitting fire trucks and other fire fighting or emergency equipment to use, travel upon, and park.

C. Marking of fire lanes. All designated fire lanes shall be clearly marked in one of the following manner:

1. (~~The side or sides of a fire lane on which parking is to be prohibited shall have its curb painted red;--if no curb exists;--the outer edge of the fire lane shall be marked with a six inch wide red stripe;)) Vertical curbs (6 inch) shall be painted yellow on the top and side, extending the length of the designated fire lane. The pavement adjacent to the painted curbs shall be marked with minimum 18 inch in height block lettering with a minimum 3 inch brush stroke reading: "NO PARKING - FIRE LANE." Lettering shall be yellow and spaced at 50 foot or portion thereof intervals, or~~

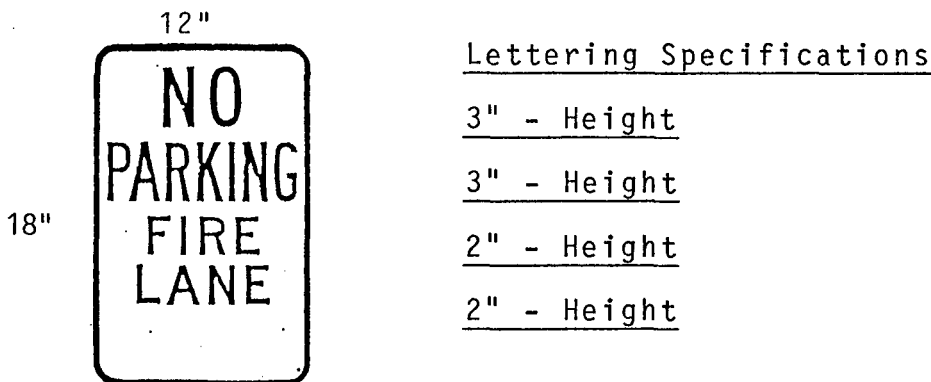
2. (~~The top of the red curb, or the flat surface of the red striping, shall be marked, at thirty-foot intervals, with the words, NO-PARKING---FIRE-LANE;--These words shall be printed in white letters, three inches in height;)) Rolled curbs or surface~~

1 without curbs shall have a yellow 6 inch wide stripe painted  
 2 extending the length of the designated fire lane. The surface  
 3 adjacent to the stripe shall be marked with minimum 18 inch in  
 4 height block lettering with a minimum 3 inch brush stroke  
 5 reading: "NO PARKING - FIRE LANE." Lettering shall be in yellow  
 6 and spaced at 50 ft. or portion thereof intervals, or

7 ((3.--Metal signs, twelve inches in width by eighteen inches  
 8 in height, shall be placed along all red curbing or striping.--Such  
 9 signs shall be spaced at not more than sixty foot intervals, with  
 10 at least one sign at each end of the designated fire lane.--Signs  
 11 shall be mounted on durable posts, with the bottom of the sign not  
 12 less than six feet, nor more than eight feet, above the adjoining  
 13 ground level.--Signs shall read vertically from top to bottom, NO  
 14 PARKING-FIRE-LANE.--The lettering for signs shall be red on a  
 15 white background.))

16 ((4.))3. ((At each entrance to property where fire lanes  
 17 have been designated, signs shall be posted in a clearly  
 18 conspicuous location, and shall clearly state that vehicles parked  
 19 in fire lanes may be impounded, and the name, telephone number,  
 20 and address of the towing firm where the vehicle may be redeemed.))

21 3. Fire Lane signs shall be installed per the  
 22 illustration:



- 30 a. Reflective in nature.  
 31 b. Red letters on white background.  
 32 c. Signs to be spaced 50 feet or portion thereof apart  
 33 and posted on or immediately next to the curb.

1           d. Top of signs to be not less than 4 feet nor more than  
2 6 feet from the ground.

3           e. Signs may be placed on a building when approved by the  
4 fire marshal as the designee of the manager of Building and Land  
5 Development.

6           When posts are required they shall be a minimum of 2 inch  
7 galvanized steel or 4 inch x 4 inch pressure treated wood. Signs  
8 to be placed so they face the direction of the vehicular travel.

9           D. Obstruction of fire lanes prohibited. The obstruction of  
10 a designated fire lane by a parked vehicle or any other object is  
11 prohibited, shall constitute a traffic hazard as defined in state  
12 law and an immediate hazard to life and property.

13           E. Alternate materials and methods. The fire marshal as  
14 designee of the manager of Building and Land Development may  
15 modify any of the provisions herein where practical difficulties  
16 exist. The particulars of a modification shall be granted by the  
17 fire marshal and shall be entered into the records of the office.

18           F. Existing fire lane signs and markings.

19           1. Signs (minimum 9 inch by 16 inch) may be allowed to  
20 remain until there is a need for replacement and at that time a 12  
21 inch x 18 inch sign shall be installed.

22           2. Markings may be allowed to remain until there is a need  
23 for repainting and at that time the provisions outlined in Section  
24 C, 1, 2 or 3 shall be complied with.

25           G. Maintenance. Fire lane markings shall be maintained at  
26 the expense of the property owner(s) as often as needed to clearly  
27 identify the designated area as being a fire lane.

28           H. Towing notification. At each entrance to property where  
29 fire lanes have been designated, signs shall be posted in a  
30 clearly conspicuous location and shall clearly state that vehicles  
31 parked in fire lanes may be impounded, and the name, telephone  
32 number, and address of the towing firm where the vehicle may be  
33 redeemed.

1 ((D-)) I. Property owner responsible. The owner, manager,  
2 or person in charge of any property upon which designated fire  
3 lanes have been established shall prevent the parking of vehicles  
4 or placement of other obstructions in such fire lanes.

5 ((E-)) J. Violation - misdemeanor - penalty. Any person who  
6 fails to mark or maintain the marking of a designated fire lane as  
7 prescribed in ((subsection-B-of)) this ((section)) ordinance, or  
8 who parks a vehicle in, allows the parking of a vehicle in,  
9 obstructs, or allows the obstruction of a designated fire lane is  
10 guilty of a misdemeanor. The penalty for failing to mark or  
11 maintain the marking of a designated fire lane shall be one  
12 hundred and fifty dollars or imprisonment in the King County jail  
13 for a period not to exceed thirty days. The penalty for parking a  
14 vehicle in, allowing the parking of a vehicle in, obstructing, or  
15 allowing the obstruction of a designated fire lane shall be thirty  
16 dollars.

17 ((F-)) K. Violation - Civil Penalty. In addition to, or as  
18 an alternate to, the provisions of ((subsection-E-of-this))  
19 section E, any person who fails to meet the provisions of the fire  
20 lane requirements codified in this title shall be subject to civil  
21 penalties in conformance with K.C.C. Chapter 23.  
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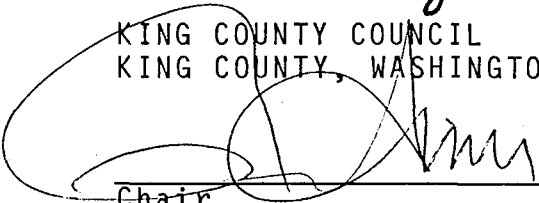
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1 ((G-)) L. Impoundment. Any vehicle or object obstructing a  
2 designated fire lane is hereby declared a traffic hazard and may  
3 be abated without prior notification to its owner by impoundment  
4 pursuant to the applicable state law.

5 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 12th day  
6 of December, 1988.

7 PASSED this 27th day of February, 1989.

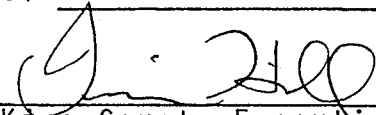
8 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
9 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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11 Chair

11 ATTEST:

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13 Clerk of the Council

14 APPROVED this 9th day of March, 1989.

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16 King County Executive