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Introduced by: BILL REAMS

Proposed No.: 86-731

ORDINANCE NO. 7980

An Ordinance relating to fire lanes, repealing Ordinance 4134 Section 3 and K.C.C. 17.04.070, and substituting new sections for K.C.C. 17.04.070, and amending K.C.C. 17.04.080.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of King County:

SECTION 1. King County Ordinance 4134 Section 3, and K.C.C. 17.04.070 are hereby repealed, and the following are substituted:

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 ordinance.

B. MARKING OF FIRE LANES. All designated fire lanes shall be clearly marked in 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.

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.

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

4. At each entrance to property where fire lanes have been

1 designated, signs shall be posted in a clearly conspicuous
2 location, and shall clearly state that vehicles parked in fire
3 lanes may be impounded, and the name, telephone number, and
4 address of the towing firm where the vehicle may be redeemed.

5 C. OBSTRUCTION OF FIRE LANES PROHIBITED. The obstruction of
6 a designated fire lane by a parked vehicle or any other object
7 is prohibited, shall constitute a traffic hazard as defined in
8 state law and an immediate hazard to life and property.

9 D. PROPERTY OWNER RESPONSIBLE. The owner, manager, or person
10 in charge of any property upon which designated fire lanes have
11 been established shall prevent the parking of vehicles or
12 placement of other obstructions in such fire lanes.

13 E. VIOLATION - MISDEMEANOR - PENALTY. Any person who fails
14 to mark or maintain the marking of a designated fire lane as
15 prescribed in subsection B of this section, or who parks a vehicle
16 in, allows the parking of a vehicle in, obstructs, or allows the
17 obstruction of a designated fire lane is guilty of a misdemeanor.
18 The penalty for failing to mark or maintain the marking of a
19 designated fire lane shall be one hundred and fifty dollars or
20 imprisonment in the King County jail for a period not to exceed
21 thirty days. The penalty for parking a vehicle in, allowing the
22 parking of a vehicle in, obstructing, or allowing the obstruction
23 of a designated fire lane shall be thirty dollars.

24 F. VIOLATION - CIVIL PENALTY. In addition to, or as an
25 alternate to, the provisions of subsection E of this section, any
26 person who fails to meet the provisions of the fire lane require-
27 ments codified in this title shall be subject to civil penalties
28 in conformance with K.C.C. Chapter 23.

29 G. IMPOUNDMENT. Any vehicle or object obstructing a desig-
30 nated fire lane is hereby declared a traffic hazard and may be
31 abated without prior notification to its owner by impoundment
32 pursuant to the applicable state law.

33 Section 2. King County Code 17.04.080 is hereby amended to

1 read as follows:

2 A. Enforcement. The fire marshal (~~and bureau office of~~
3 ~~fire prevention are~~) or his authorized designee is authorized to
4 enforce the provisions of this chapter, the ordinances codified in
5 it, and any rules and regulations adopted thereunder pursuant to
6 the enforcement and penalty provisions of Title 23.

7 B. The fire marshal, or his authorized designee, any officer
8 of the department of public safety, and the chief of the fire
9 district, or his authorized designee, is authorized to take such
10 lawful action, including the writing and issuance of misdemeanor
11 citations, as may be required to enforce the provisions of the
12 fire lane ordinance codified in this title.

13 INTRODUCED and READ for the first time this *5th* day of
14 *January*, 1987.

15 PASSED this *9th* day of *March*, 1987.

16 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
17 King County, Washington

18 *Gary Grant*
19 Chairman

20 ATTEST:

21 *Dorothy M. Owens*
22 Clerk of the Council

23 APPROVED this *19th* day of *March*, 1987.

24 *Jim Hill*
25 King County Executive