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STANDARD DETAILS & SPECIFICATIONS	Spec No	<u>A-6</u>
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SUBJECT: Fire Lane Marking

SCOPE

The Fire Department is authorized to direct installation of approved signs or other approved notices for the identification of fire lanes. The purpose is to prevent obstruction of required emergency vehicle access.

DEFINITIONS

Driveway: A vehicular access less than 20 feet in width and serving no more than two single family dwellings.

Fire Lane: A vehicular access roadway or driveway designated officially by the Fire Department as a required means of fire department emergency access.

Fire Apparatus Access Roads: A vehicular access greater than or equal to 20 feet in width.

REQUIREMENTS

Fire Department Approval:

Fire apparatus access roads, driveways and access ways shall not be marked as fire lanes without first obtaining Fire Department approval. Fire lanes shall be identified by red curb marking, signage or roadway surface marking as specified below. Detailed plans showing the location of the lanes may be required.

Red Curb Marking:

Curb top and side shall be painted red, and the words, "FIRE LANE" in white, shall be stenciled on the top and side of all red curbs at a maximum interval of 50 feet. Letters shall be 3-inches in height with a minimum 3/4-inch stroke.

Signage:

1. Signs shall be of metal construction, measuring 12-inches wide and 18-inches high, and of a reflective type. Plastic or wooden signs are not acceptable.
2. Signs shall read: "NO STOPPING – FIRE LANE 22500.1 CVC." Lettering shall be not less than 1-inch in height and clearly visible from a vehicle.
3. Signs shall be in visible locations and mounted on galvanized metal poles at a height of 80 inches. Signs shall be maintained unobstructed by foliage, etc.

4. The distance between signs posted along the fire lane shall not exceed 125 feet. Not less than two signs shall be posted in each block. If traffic flows in two directions, signs must be posted so as to be readable from either direction.

Roadway Surface Marking:

Outlining or painting the fire lane area in red with the words "FIRE LANE" in white, at intervals of not more than 50 feet or as otherwise directed by the Fire Department. Size of lettering shall be not less than 24-inches in height and 3-inch stroke.

Notification of Local Law Enforcement Agency:

Upon declaration by the Fire Department that a vehicular access is a required "FIRE LANE", the owner of the property shall make notification of the fire lane to their local law enforcement agency requesting periodic patrol of such lanes.

Enforcement of Fire Lanes:

The enforcement of fire lanes is the responsibility of the local law enforcement agency as specified under California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 22500.1