



City of Anaheim  
Fire Department  
Fire Prevention Bureau  
Specifications and Requirements

**Subject: FIRE LANES AND TOWING FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY**

**References: California Fire Code, 2007 Edition, Section 503.3; California Vehicle Code, sections 22500.1 and 22658**

Fire lanes are required to prohibit parking in a fire access road. Fire lanes shall be designated by the Fire Department. Most fire lanes are on private property. If a property owner has difficulties maintaining a fire lane, the owner may post signs at the entrance to the property, and tow cars from the fire lane.

### **FIRE LANES**

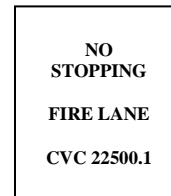
No person shall stop, park or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, except when in conflict with other traffic, in a fire lane.

Fire lanes may be designated on public or private property.

The designation shall be indicated by one of the following:

- A red curb or red paint on the edge of the roadway upon which is clearly marked the words, "FIRE LANE."
- A sign posted immediately adjacent to and visible from, the designated place clearly stating in letters not less than one inch in height that the place is a fire lane.
- By outlining or painting the place in red and, in contrasting color, marking the place with the words "FIRE LANE," which are clearly visible from a vehicle.

SAMPLE SIGN WORDING FOR A FIRE LANE  
(Not to scale. Letters to be at least one inch in height.)



### **TOWING OF VEHICLES FROM FIRE LANES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BY THE PROPERTY OWNER**

The owner of a private property containing a fire lane may have a vehicle towed from a fire lane. The owner of the property usually contracts with a private towing company in advance. The following are the requirements for a property owner to tow a vehicle from a fire lane on his/her property.

1. Signs must be in place before an owner may tow. The signs must be displayed in plain view at all entrances to the property.
  - The sign must be not less than 17x22 inches in size.
  - Lettering must not be less than one inch in height.
  - Signs must clearly state that stopping in a fire lane is prohibited.
  - The sign must indicate that vehicles will be removed at the owner's expense.
  - The sign must contain the telephone number of the local traffic law enforcement agency. The Anaheim Police Department's number is (714) 765-1900.
  - The sign must contain the name and telephone number of each towing company that is party to a written agreement with the property owner.
2. The California Vehicle Code, Section 22658, requires the owner of the property to notify the local traffic law enforcement agency within one hour of towing.
3. Fire lanes shall be marked according to California Vehicle Code Section 22500.1, as indicated above.
4. Owners of private property may post NO PARKING signs for various reasons other than a fire lane and have vehicles removed. Refer to the California Vehicle Code, Section 22658.

**For further information regarding these requirements contact: Fire Prevention Bureau at (714) 765-4040, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.**