Fire Lane markings are required to identify known and common problem areas that need to be maintained clear of obstructions for emergency vehicle use. These uses include vehicle travel and maneuvering areas as well as a base of operation for the Fire Department.

Not all roads are required to be Fire Lanes. Not all required Fire Lanes are marked. Only Fire Lanes designated by the Fire Code Official may be painted red. Marking of Fire Lanes may be required, at any time, if a need is identified by the Fire Code Official. The Fire Code Official or their representative shall direct that Fire Lane be marked with one or more combinations of the following:

**Type 1**

1. Curbs shall be identified by a 6 inch red paint stripe on the top and side.
2. Rolled curbs shall be identified by a 6 inch red stripe to the top.
3. Roads with no curbs shall be identified by a 6 inch red stripe.
4. The words “NO PARKING – FIRE LANE” shall be 18 inches high white lettering with 3 inch stroke and placed 8 inches as measured perpendicular to the red paint stripe. In most cases, both sides shall be marked. Where long roads exist the marking may alternate sides.
Type 2
In addition to Type 1, Highway grade metal (aluminum) signs shall be located at intervals or locations as determined by the Fire Code Official. Signs shall be minimum 12" x 18" with red letters on a white background. Posts for support can be either 2 inch galvanized metal for private property or 4 x 4 treated wood for public property. The bottom of the side shall be a minimum of 7 feet above the curb. Signs shall be installed nominally parallel to the road, facing the direction of travel.

Where signs are adjacent to buildings, the Fire Code Official may allow them to be placed on the building or structure.

See City of Kent detail 6-38 for sign mounting.

Type 3
Diagonal red striping across the width of the Fire Lane shall be used when required by the Fire Code Official. It shall be used in conjunction with a 6 inch red stripe similar to Type 1. The stripes shall run at a 30 to 60 degree angle and shall be parallel with each other. The stripe shall be a minimum 6 inches in width and a minimum of 24 inches apart.