

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF LEBANON

FIRE LANE ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY the electors of the Town of Lebanon at a duly warned Special Town Meeting to be held on October 26, 1998:

The following Ordinance authorizing the establishment of fire lanes within the Town of Lebanon, and providing penalties for the violation there of.

Section 1: Short Title: This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the “Fire Lane Ordinance”.

Section 2: Enacting Authority: This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the provisions of Sections 7-148(c)(4)(B), 7-148(c)(7)(H)(xiii), and section 1-8 of the Connecticut Fire Safety Code.

Section 3: Definitions: As used in this Ordinance, the following words or phrases shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this section:

(a) Building shall mean any structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy. The term building shall be construed as if followed by the words “or portions thereof”.

(b) Fire Lane shall mean the road, path, or other passageway developed and maintained to allow the passage of fire and emergency vehicles.

(c) Private Dwelling shall mean one-and two-family dwellings.

Section 4: Establishment: With the exception of private dwellings, all premises that the Fire Department may be called upon to protect, in case of fire or other emergencies, and that are not readily accessible from public roads shall be provided with suitable fire lanes so that buildings on the premises are accessible to emergency vehicles, as deemed necessary by the Fire Marshal.

Section 5: Required Access for Fire Apparatus.

(a) With the exception of existing buildings where compliance is impractical, fire lanes shall provide access to:

1. The main entrance to the building (and in the case of multiple occupancy buildings, the main entrance to each occupancy)
2. Building fire protection system(s)
3. Entrances to equipment areas
4. Shipping/loading docks

(b) With the exception of existing buildings where compliance is impractical and those protected with an approved automatic sprinkler system, buildings of a high hazard, (as defined by fire code) or containing more than 5,000 square on any one floor, the fire lane shall be provided for the entire perimeter of the building.

Section 6: Design Standards for New Building Construction:

(a) Fire lanes shall be at least twenty (20) feet in width, located at least ten (10) feet but not more than fifty (50) feet from the building.

(b) Fire lanes shall have an inside turning radius of at least twenty-five (25) feet.

(c) Fire lanes shall not have a vertical grade greater than ten (10) percent. However, this grade may be increased by fifteen (15) percent if the fire lane is paved with approved materials and methods (such as bituminous paving or turf rings).

(d) Any dead end road or fire lane more than three-hundred (300) feet in length shall be provided with a turn around at the closed end of at least ninety (90) feet in diameter.

Section 7: Signs and Markings: Upon establishment of the fire lane, the building owner shall cause to be erected adequate signs, markings, or other traffic control devices to be installed as directed by the Fire Marshal in order to inform persons to keep such fire lanes free and open for passage.

Section 8: Maintenance of Fire Lanes: It shall be the responsibility of the building owner to

maintain all items that are a result or the requirements of Section 7 as well as to keep fire lanes free of obstructions that could potentially interfere with Fire Department access.

Section 9: Modification of Requirements: It is recognized that there may exist unusual circumstances necessitating alternative arrangements in attempting to meet the requirements of this ordinance. In these situations, the requirements may be modified by the Fire Marshal, in conjunction with the Fire Chief, to accommodate the situation as well as to ensure the greatest level of safety as practical. Such modifications shall be subject to semi-annual review at the discretion of the Fire Chief or Fire Marshal.

Section 10: Appeals: Any person aggrieved by an order of the Fire Marshal to establish and/or maintain a fire lane may appeal such order in a manner as set forth in Section 29-296 of the Connecticut General Statutes. In addition, the Fire Marshal may, at any time seek, an injunction of any violation of this ordinance, and if successful, may recover in said action, as damages, a reasonable attorney's fee.

Section 11: Penalties: Failure to establish fire lanes pursuant to this Ordinance shall result in penalties as set forth in Section 29-295 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Section 12: Parking Restricted and Penalties for Violation: Provisions regarding the prohibition of parking in fire lanes, associated penalties for violation, and the appeals process are regulated by the Lebanon Town Ordinances as adopted by the Town of Lebanon.

Section 13: Parking In Fire Lane, Penalty: It shall be unlawful to park in any area that is marked or posted as a Fire Lane, as required by the Fire Marshal, for any length of time. Such area may include parking in privately owned parking lots. The penalty for violating this section shall be a thirty-two dollar and no cents (\$32.00) fine.

This Ordinance will take effect Fifteen (15) days after publication in accordance with the General Statutes.

Dated at Lebanon, Connecticut this 27th day of October 1998.

Joyce A. McGillicuddy
Town Clerk

Effective date is November 14, 1998