



COALINGA FIRE DEPARTMENT

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CITY OF COALINGA FIRE DEPARTMENT		
FIRE PREVENTION STANDARD		
STANDARD TITLE:	REQUIREMENTS FOR MARKING FIRE LANES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY	
STANDARD NUMBER: 403.005	EFFECTIVE DATE: March 15, 2022	REVISION DATE: March 15, 2022

PURPOSE

This policy has been established to provide direction for the requirements for marking fire lanes on private property to ensure that approved emergency access is provided as per the California Fire Code (CFC), Section 503, Fire Apparatus Access Road and the California Vehicle Code (CVC), Section 22658, Removal of Parked and Abandoned Vehicles.

APPLICATION

The following fire lane designations and entrance signage guidelines allow a property owner or agent to have a vehicle towed from a fire apparatus access lane without first having a citation issued by the City of Coalinga Police Department. It is the responsibility of the property owner or agent to notify a towing company to have a vehicle removed subject to the provisions of the CVC, Section 22658. The police department may issue a citation for illegal parking; however, the police department should not have illegally parked vehicles removed from private property unless the vehicle meets certain police department criteria for removal. If a vehicle is towed at the request of the property owner or agent, the provisions of the CVC, Section 22658 must be adhered to. It is a requirement for the property owner or agent to notify the police department of the vehicle's status prior to its removal.

OPERATIONAL POLICY

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OPERATIONAL GUIDELINE

Fire Lane Marking

Required fire lanes should be designated by painting the curb red (top and side) and stenciling "Fire Lane No Parking" in 3-inch white letters on the most vertical curb, at least every 50 feet. If no curb is present, a minimum 6-inch wide red stripe should be painted along the edge of the roadway with "Fire Lane" in 3-inch white letters at least every 50 feet.



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Signs may be used in conjunction with, or in lieu of, curb painting. The curbside signs should be at a minimum:

1. The sign should be at a minimum of 12 x 18 inch with a white reflective background.
2. The sign should read “FIRE LANE NO PARKING” in minimum 3-inch red letters.
3. Signs should be placed at the beginning and end of the designated fire lane and be at 50-foot intervals. Directional arrows should be placed on the signs to indicate the extent and direction of the fire lanes (----->, <----->, <-----).
4. Signs should be set at least 18 inches but not more than 24 inches from the curb and must have a finished height of 7 feet to the bottom of the sign when adjacent to sidewalks.
5. Signs should not be obstructed by landscaping or street fixtures and should be readily visible from a vehicle.

Entrance Signs

To comply with CVC, Section 22658 requirements allowing towing from private property, signs should be installed at all public entrance driveways.

Emergency Access Only Gate Signs

Emergency access gates across entrances that have been designed only for use by fire and police personnel is designated on the properties site plan prior to construction of the complex. The sign below is required on both sides of the gate:

“FIRE LANE” (in 6-inch letters)
“VEHICLES REMOVED AT OWNER’S EXPENSE” (in 2-inch letters)
“COALINGA POLICE DEPARTMENT @ (559) 621-7000” (in 1-inch letters)



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Common Access Road Gates

Common access roads are used by both the occupants and emergency personnel. Gates across these roadways must be designated on the approved site plan. Gates installed across these roadways after completion of a project must be reviewed with a revised land use entitlement submittal to the **Development and Resource Management Department (DARM)**. This revised site plan should be routed to Traffic Engineering and the Coalinga Fire Department. Once all involved Departments have reviewed and all corrections have been made to the submittal, it should be approved by DARM.

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DEFINITIONS

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CROSS REFERENCES

California Fire Code

Section 503, Fire Apparatus Access Road

California Vehicle Code

Section 22658, Removal of Parked and Abandoned Vehicles