

**Tempe Fire Department Policies and Procedures**  
**Fire Lanes**  
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**PURPOSE**

To provide guidelines in defining, establishing and enforcing fire lanes.

**DEFINITION OF FIRE LANES**

An access way, private street or driveway designed to support fire department vehicles during an emergency.

**ESTABLISHING FIRE LANES**

Fire lanes are established and approved for new developments during the plan check process.

To establish a fire lane in an existing commercial complex or community a representative can contact the Fire Prevention Division for assistance.

Fire lanes shall not be less than 20 feet of unobstructed width, have a minimum 13'6" of vertical clearance and must withstand live loads of fire apparatus.

An approved turnaround for fire apparatus shall be provided where an access road is a dead end in excess of 150 feet. The turnaround shall have a minimum centerline radius of 45 feet.

**ENFORCEMENT OF FIRE LANES**

Fire lanes are enforced by Article 8, Chapter 19 of the Tempe City Code and the International Fire Code, Chapter 5, Section 503, 2006 Edition.

The City of Tempe Fire Department Standard on fire lanes can be used as a guideline to establish proper fire lane access and sign dimensions.

A citation may be issued by a Fire Inspector, Police Officer or Parking Enforcement Aide for unauthorized parking in a designated fire lane.