

**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE  
DESIGNATION OF FIRE LANES AND  
AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, NEW  
JERSEY 1968"**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Princeton as follows:

1. Chapter 8, Article III, of the "Code of the Township of Princeton, New Jersey, 1968" which establishes regulations governing conditions which would impede or interfere with Fire Department forces is amended by adding thereto the following NEW SECTION 8-5.18.1 CONCERNING FIRE LANES and shall read as follows:

**Sec. 8-5.18.1. Fire Lanes.**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Uniform Code of New Jersey, *N.J.A.C. 5:70-1 et seq.*, the township hereby creates Fire Lanes in order to address concerns relating to parking and the obstruction of fire equipment as follows:

- (a) **Definition:** A Fire Lane is defined as any designated area that may be part of a traffic circulation system and/or the areas of ingress/egress adjacent to a building or other designated location as to provide an immediate and unobstructed route and/or access for firefighting operations, equipment and personnel.

- (b) **Fire Lane Designation:** The Fire Official under the direction of the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code shall designate Fire Lanes within the Township of Princeton.
- (c) **Marking of Fire Lanes:** It shall be the responsibility of the owner(s) or operator(s) of the premises upon which the Fire Lane is established, to install the appropriate identification at his expense. All Fire Lane markings shall be maintained and be legible at all times in accordance with the following:
- (1) **Striping and Curbs:** Where applicable, Fire Lanes shall be identified by painting the curb yellow and be striped with yellow lines four (4) inches in width placed diagonally from the curb or road edge and shall be outlined along their entire perimeter. Fire Lane widths and lengths shall be designed by the Fire Official as appropriate.
  - (2) **Pavement Lettering:** The legend "No Parking Fire Lane shall be placed within the striped area of the Fire Lane at a minimum of one hundred foot intervals or as designated by the Fire Official. The lettering shall be eighteen (18) inches high and yellow in color.
  - (3) **Signage:** In areas where striping cannot be applied, a metal No Parking Fire Lane sign shall be posted. Fire Lane signs shall measure twelve (12) inches by eighteen (18) inches and have a white reflective background with

a minimum two (2) inch high red reflective lettering which read NO PARKING FIRE LANE. Fire Lane signs shall be displayed at the beginning and end of the Fire Lane and at such intervals as required by the Fire Official, but not more than one hundred (100) feet center to center. Fire Lane signs shall be placed at a height of seven (7) feet as measured from the ground surface to the top of the sign and shall be placed facing the direction of traffic flow. Fire Lane signs may be placed on existing supports.

- (d) **Serviceability:** Any and all Fire Lanes created prior to this Ordinance are hereby continued in effect. It shall be at the discretion of the Fire Official if repairs or modifications shall be made to any pre-existing Fire Lane if they are not in conformity with the section. In no circumstance shall modifications be permitted which will create a lesser standard than the original approval of said Fire Lane.
- (e) **Enforcement:** The Bureau of Fire Prevention and the Police Department shall have concurrent jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of this section.
- (f) **Parking Prohibited or Obstruction of Fire Lanes:** It is hereby prohibited for any person at any time to park, stop, stand or leave an unattended motor vehicle in areas designated

as a Fire Lane, or shall any person, firm or corporation place or construct any structure in an area designated as a Fire Lane which will impair the access of firefighting apparatus, firefighters or impair the use of any exit or exit discharge of a building.

(g) **Violations and Penalties:** Any person who violates item (f) of this section shall be assessed a fine of \$100.00 per occurrence for parking in and or obstructing any designated Fire Lane, both public and private within the boundaries of the Township of Princeton. If deemed necessary by the enforcing agency, the vehicle may be removed and stored at the owner's expense. Persons pleading guilty or who are convicted in Municipal Court of violating this Ordinance shall also incur any court costs associated with appearing in Court. Court costs and fines shall be payable to the Clerk of the Municipal Court. The Court shall turn over any monies collected for this violation to the Municipal Treasurer as prescribed by law.

2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as provided for by law.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Princeton Township Committee held on September 11, 2006 and will be further considered for final passage after a public hearing thereon at a meeting of said Township Committee to be held at the Princeton Township Municipal Complex, 400 Witherspoon Street, on September 25, 2006 which begins at 7:00 p.m.

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