Fire Access Roads and Lanes Must Be Maintained and Kept Clear At All Times

**Definition** - A fire access road or lane is developed to allow the passage of fire apparatus. This roadway is not necessarily intended for vehicular traffic other than fire apparatus.

**California Vehicle Code 22500.1** - The designation shall be indicated (1) by a sign posted immediately adjacent to, and visible from, the designated place clearly stating in letters not less than one inch in height that the place is a fire lane, (2) by outlining or painting the place in red and, in contrasting color, marking the place with the words “FIRE LANE”, which are clearly visible from the vehicle.

**Vernon City Ordinance 1138** - Fire access roads shall have an unobstructed width of not less than 27 feet and an unobstructed vertical clearance of not less than 15 feet.

**2013 California Fire Code (CFC) 503.1** - Fire apparatus access roads shall be provided and maintained at all times.

**CFC 503.3** - Approved signs shall be provided to identify roads and prohibit the obstruction. Signs and notices shall be maintained at all times and be replaced or repaired when necessary to provide adequate visibility.

**CFC 503.4** - Fire apparatus access roads and lanes shall not be obstructed in any manner, including parking of vehicles. The minimum widths and clearances established in Section 503 shall be maintained at all times.

For further assistance, please contact Vernon Fire Prevention.