

FIRE LANE INFORMATION

The **2003 City of Tucson Fire Code, Chapter 5** states the following requirements:

Section 501.3 Construction documents. Construction documents for proposed fire apparatus access, location of fire lanes and construction documents and hydraulic calculations for fire hydrant systems shall be submitted to the fire department for review and approval prior to construction.

Section 503.1.1 Building and Facilities. Approved fire apparatus access roads shall be provided for every facility, building or portion of a building hereafter constructed or moved into or within the jurisdiction. The fire apparatus access road shall comply with the requirements of this section and shall extend to within 150 feet (45720 mm) of all portions of the facility and all portions of the exterior wall of the first story of the building as measured by an approved route around the exterior of the building or facility.

Section 503.2.1 Dimensions. Fire apparatus access roads shall have an unobstructed width of not less than 20 feet (6096 mm), and an unobstructed vertical clearance of not less than 15 feet (4572 mm).

Section 503.2.3 Surface. Fire apparatus access roads shall be designed and maintained to support the imposed loads of fire apparatus and shall be paved with structural sections designed in accordance with City of Tucson Development Standard 3-01.3.0.

Section 503.4 Obstruction of fire apparatus roads. The required width of any fire apparatus access roadway on City or private property shall not be obstructed in any manner, including the parking or stopping of any vehicle other than an authorized emergency vehicle. A vehicle parked illegally in a fire apparatus access roadway may be removed and impounded under the provisions of the Tucson Code, 20-12. An owner or operator of a vehicle parked illegally in a fire apparatus access roadway or the person responsible for any non-vehicular obstruction shall be guilty of a civil infraction. The minimum widths and clearances established in Section 503.2.1 shall be maintained at all times.

Tucson Fire Department, Tucson Police Department (791-4444), and/or Transportation Department's ParkWise/TEAM (791-5071) are the authorities issuing civil parking tickets.

Section 503.7 Maintenance. The person(s) in possession of the premises on and into which a fire apparatus access roadway is required shall be solely responsible for the maintenance of such roadways and all required signs. No owner, manager or other person(s) in charge of premises served by a required fire apparatus access roadway shall abandon or close the fire apparatus roadway or any part thereof without permission of the fire code official.

The person(s) in possession of the premises shall be responsible in ensuring that fire apparatus roadways are clear at all times.

Appendix – D Fire apparatus access roads. Every fire apparatus access roadway required under the authority of this section shall be posted with signs installed at points not more than one-hundred (100) feet apart along the length of the required fire apparatus access roadway. The bottom of every such sign shall not be less than seven (7) feet or more than ten (10) feet from the ground surface level. Signs shall be posted to face the direction of travel. Construction, installation, and maintenance of the signs shall be done at no expense to the City. Materials and locations of each sign shall be indicated in the plans submitted to the fire department.

Fire access signs shall conform to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. The required sign shall be the international NO PARKING sign with a standard sign side (width and height) of 12 X 18 inches (300 X 450 mm), on a white reflective background. The international NO PARKING symbol shall be a black **P**, six inches high. Underneath the NO PARKING symbol, in one-and-five-eighths inch high and one-quarter inch stroke, in red lettering shall read:

**FIRE
ACCESS
TOW-AWAY**

Only fire apparatus access roadways required under the authority of this section or as approved by the chief may be posted or identified as such. Unauthorized signs shall be removed.

If the City of Tucson Fire Department can be of any service, please call 791-4502.

