

**THE TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

ORDINANCE NO. 94

AN ORDINANCE RELATED TO NO PARKING IN DESIGNATED FIRE LANES

IT IS ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH,
RHODE ISLAND, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

- (a) Requirement of Fire Lanes. Fire lanes shall be required, as provided in N.F.P.A. 1, Chapter ~~3-5~~ 18.2, for all new construction and as required by the Fire Chief or his designated representative for all existing occupancies, not to exceed N.F.P.A. 1, Chapter ~~3-5~~ 18.2.
- (b) Definition. "Fire lane" shall mean any area appurtenant to entrances or exits of a building the Fire Chief, ~~or~~ Police Chief or Authority Having Jurisdiction ("AHJ") or their designated representatives have established should remain free and clear of parked vehicles for access to such buildings in case of fire or other emergency, which said area may include sidewalks, driveways, portions of parking lots and other areas adjacent to or near said building entrances or exits, or any fire hydrant.
- (c) Designation of Fire Lanes; Signs; Maintenance. The marking of fire lanes on private property devoted to public use shall be designated by the Fire Chief and Police Chief, AHJ or their designated representatives. The Fire Chief shall give notice of such designation to the owner of such area directing the owner to cause signs to be posted at the expense of the owner at designated locations lettered "Fire Lane- No Parking Anytime." Such signs shall be of a size, color and font conforming to the specifications established by the Fire Code. Any such designated fire lane on such property will remain the owner's responsibility to maintain free and clear of any obstruction.
- (d) Violations and Enforcement. Parking of motor vehicles or otherwise obstructing said public safety lanes by any means shall be prohibited at all times.

It shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of any motor vehicle to park said motor vehicle in any area designated as a public safety lane pursuant to this article, and it shall be unlawful for any person in any manner to obstruct passage at any time, by any means, in any area designated as a fire lane. Any vehicle found parked or otherwise obstructing any established fire lane is hereby subject to be towed from said lane at the owner's expense at the direction of any proper

officer of the Town of West Greenwich or any member of the department of state police.

Any person violating any provisions of this article shall be subject, upon conviction, to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each offense.

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Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

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