

ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FIRE LANES

In order to forestall those dangers arising from the blocking of fire lanes, hydrants and other facilities required by emergency vehicles, and to facilitate the movement of traffic in the event of fires, accidents and other disasters, it is hereby ordained that:

A. The Board of Selectmen on its own initiative or upon request of the local Fire Marshall may, after public hearing, designate a road or portion thereof as a zone in which vehicle shall neither park nor stand.

B. Notice of such a hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Harwinton not more than 15 days nor less than 5 days prior to the date of the hearing. Said notice shall state the time and location of the hearing, and the exact location and boundaries of the proposed fire lanes. During such public hearing, any interested person shall be entitled to appear, to be heard, and to submit a written statement for the record. Within 30 days following the close of the public hearing, the Board of Selectmen shall vote on whether to establish such fire lane as set forth in the notice of the public hearing. A fire lane may be established on non-municipal property only upon a finding by the Board of Selectmen that parking or standing in the designated area constitutes a danger to persons or property.

C. Following the Board of Selectmen's affirmative vote to designate a fire lane, the First Selectman shall cause to be erected parking signs in the designated area. The signs shall be of such character as to inform readily an ordinarily observant person that curbside parking or standing in the designated area is prohibited.

D. Any vehicle parked in a fire lane may be removed by the First Selectman or his or her agent at the vehicle owner's expense. Further, the owner of the vehicle may be subject to a fine not to exceed One Hundred Dollars.

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