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ORDINANCE NUMBER O- 17224 (NEW SERIES)

ADOPTED ON JAN 23 1989

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER V, ARTICLE 5, OF  
THE SAN DIEGO MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING  
SECTION 55.10.207 RELATING TO FIRE LANES OR  
FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS ROADS.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, as  
follows:

Section 1. That Chapter V, Article 5, of the San Diego  
Municipal Code be and the same is hereby amended by amending  
section 55.10.207 to read as follows:

SEC. 55.10.207 SEC. 10.207 OF THE UNIFORM FIRE  
CODE AMENDED

Sec. 10.207 FIRE LANES OR FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS  
ROADS

(a) General. Fire lanes or fire apparatus  
access roads shall be provided and maintained in  
accordance with the provisions of this section.

(b) Where Required. Except as provided  
herein, fire lanes or fire apparatus access roads  
shall be required for every building hereafter  
constructed where any portion of an exterior wall  
of the first story is located more than 150 feet  
from fire department vehicle access from a public  
street or highway as measured by an unobstructed  
route around the exterior of the building. (As  
used herein, the term "hereafter constructed"

refers to buildings constructed after February 9, 1975, the effective date of the adoption of the 1973 Uniform Fire Code, Article 13.208, pursuant to ordinance No. O-11474 N.S., the provisions of which required fire apparatus access for all buildings thereafter constructed further than 150 feet from such access.) The City Council further finds and declares as a matter affecting public health and life safety that such fire apparatus access shall be hereafter required for those buildings constructed prior to February 9, 1975 along any existing private drives or roadways over which an affected property owner has a legal right of access, if the affected building is more than 150 feet from a public street or highway as measured by an unobstructed route around the exterior of the building.

EXCEPTIONS:

(1) Where conditions prevent the installation of an approved fire lane or fire apparatus road for buildings constructed after February 9, 1975, the chief may permit the installation of a fire-protection system or systems in lieu of a road, provided the system or systems are not otherwise required by this or any other code.

(2) When not more than two Group R, Division 3 or M occupancies as defined in the Building Code are located more than 150 feet from a public street or highway.

(c) Permissible Modifications. The requirements of this section may be modified or waived when, in the opinion of the chief, fire-fighting or rescue operations would not be impaired. Clearances or widths required by this section may be further increased for buildings hereafter constructed when, in the opinion of the chief, minimum clearances or widths are not adequate to provide fire apparatus access.

NOTE: For High-Piled Combustible Storage, See Sec. 81.109.

(d) Surface. Except for access to buildings constructed prior to February 9, 1975, fire lanes or fire apparatus roads shall be designed and maintained to support the imposed loads of fire apparatus and shall be provided with a surface so as to provide all-weather driving capabilities.

(e) Width. The minimum unobstructed width of a fire lane or fire apparatus road shall be not less than 20 feet, except for buildings constructed prior to February 9, 1975. For such buildings, there shall be no requirement to widen an existing legal access suitable for required apparatus access.

The Fire Chief is further authorized to reduce width requirements on all or a portion of such access, provided such reduced width does not impair access by fire apparatus and approved marking or signage is installed and maintained indicating the established width.

(f) Vertical Clearance. Except as provided herein, all fire lanes or fire apparatus roads shall have an unobstructed vertical clearance of not less than 13 feet 6 inches.

EXCEPTION: Upon approval of the chief, a reduced vertical clearance may be permitted, provided such reduced clearance does not impair access by fire apparatus and approved signs are installed and maintained indicating the established vertical clearance.

(g) and (h) No change.

(i) Bridges. Except for access to buildings constructed prior to April 22, 1982, (the effective date of the adoption of the 1982 Uniform Fire Code by ordinance No. O-15679 N.S.), any bridge to be used as access under this section shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with the applicable sections of the Building Code using designed live loading sufficient to carry the imposed loads of fire apparatus. For access to buildings constructed prior to April 22, 1982, it

shall suffice if such bridge was built in accordance with the building standards then in effect. If the access will not safely support the imposed loads of fire apparatus, the chief is authorized not to operate fire apparatus over such access.

(j) No change.

(k) Obstruction. No portion of any fire apparatus road shall be obstructed in any manner, including parking of vehicles. Minimum required widths and clearances established under this section shall be maintained at all times. Illegally parked vehicles may be towed when necessary for emergency vehicle access.

(l) Signs and Marking. When required by the chief, approved signs and/or other approved markings or notices shall be provided and maintained in accordance with the Vehicle Code for fire lanes or fire apparatus access roads to identify such roads and/or prohibit the obstruction thereof. It shall be unlawful to fail to provide or maintain duly required fire lane access or to install or remove any markings, designations or

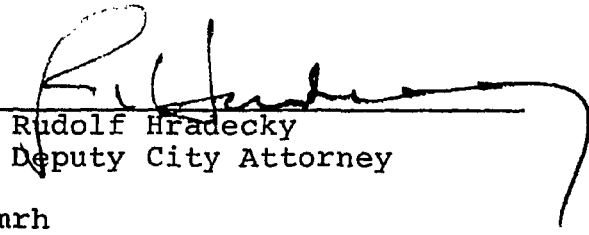
signs for fire apparatus access without the authorization of the chief or the City Manager.

(m) Procedure. Property owners shall be responsible for providing required access and the markings for fire lanes or fire apparatus roads on private property or along private roads over which they have a legal right of access. The property owner(s) shall be notified by mail or by the posting of a notice along the proposed access route at least thirty (30) days in advance of the required action. The notice shall include a provision that any appeal is to be made to the Board of Appeals pursuant to Section 2.303. At the end of thirty (30) days or after the Board of Appeals or the chief has considered any objections and made any permissible modifications appropriate to carry out the intent of this section, an installation order may be issued by the chief. Unless an appeal had been decided favorably to the property owner, the property owner shall thereafter have fifteen (15) days in which to comply before the chief shall cause the access to be installed and bill the administrative and direct costs incurred to the affected property owner.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force  
on the thirtieth day from and after its passage.

APPROVED: John W. Witt, City Attorney

By

  
Rudolf Hradecky  
Deputy City Attorney

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AUTHENTICATED BY:

MAUREEN O'CONNOR  
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

CHARLES G. ABDELNOUR  
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

(Seal)

By Ellen Board, Deputy.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance was not finally passed until twelve calendar days had elapsed between the day of its introduction and the day of its final passage, to wit, on

JAN 9 1989, and on JAN 23 1989

~~I FURTHER CERTIFY that said ordinance was read in full prior to its final passage.~~

I FURTHER CERTIFY that the reading of said ordinance in full was dispensed with by a vote of not less than a majority of the members elected to the Council, and that there was available for the consideration of each member of the Council and the public prior to the day of its passage a written or printed copy of said ordinance.

CHARLES G. ABDELNOUR  
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

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By Ellen Board, Deputy.

Office of the City Clerk, San Diego, California

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TION 55.10.207 RELATING TO FIRE LANES OR FIRE AP-  
PARATUS ACCESS ROADS.

This ordinance amends San Diego Municipal Code section 55.10.207 to require fire lane access for those buildings constructed prior to February 9, 1975 along existing drives or roadways over which an affected property owner has a right of legal access. (Similar requirements are currently in effect for buildings constructed after that date). The requirements are imposed to authorize and require curb markings or fire lane designations over private roads, but do not require such private roads to be otherwise modified to accommodate fire apparatus.

Access over existing bridges must be adequate to accommodate the imposed loads of fire apparatus. If access to buildings constructed prior to April 22, 1982 is over a bridge that is insufficient to support such a load, the Fire Chief is not required to operate apparatus over the bridge or access. The amendments further clarify that illegally parked vehicles may be towed away when necessary for emergency vehicles may be towed away when necessary for emergency vehicle access.

Fire lanes shall be marked in accordance with the Vehicle Code. It is made unlawful to fail to provide or maintain required access or to either install or remove markings or signs for fire apparatus access without the authorization of the City Manager or the Fire Chief.

Property owners are made responsible for providing required access over private property or roads over which they have a legal right of access. After notification of proposed fire apparatus access requirements, a property owner may file a protest with the Fire Chief, who shall thereafter consider the objection and make any acceptable modifications. The Fire Chief is authorized to cause the lanes to be installed and to bill a property owner who fails to provide required access.

A complete copy of the ordinance is available for inspection in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of San Diego, 2nd floor, City Administration Building, 202 "C" Street, San Diego, CA 92101.

Introduced on January 9, 1989

Passed and adopted by the Council of The City of San Diego on January 23, 1989

AUTHENTICATED BY: MAUREEN O'CONNOR

Mayor of The City of San Diego, California

CHARLES G. ABDELNOUR

City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California

By ELLEN BOVARD, Deputy

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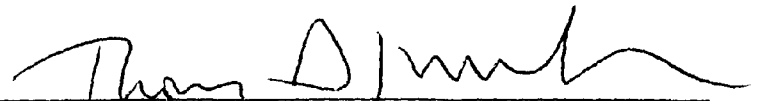
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