

ORDINANCE NO. 95-99 AC CMS

AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 1501.19 TO THE  
CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO,  
PROVIDING FOR THE REQUIREMENT IN CERTAIN  
INSTANCES OF A DESIGNATED FIRE LANE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Oberlin, County of Lorain, State of Ohio, a majority of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That the following Section 1501.19 is hereby added to the codified ordinances of the City of Oberlin, Ohio:

Section 1501.19 FIRE LANES.

Establishment and use

(a) The minimum allowable width for any fire lane shall be twelve feet, except where the fire lane is a two directional drive, in which case such fire lane shall not be less than twenty feet in width.

(b) The minimum allowable radius shall be twenty feet at intersections of all driveways, thruways, roadways or any other means of ingress for fire apparatus.

(c) A fire lane shall have not less than one foot of width for each foot of outside building wall height, subject to a minimum of twelve feet and a maximum required width of forty feet.

(d) In the event that any fire lane has to be blocked for an extended period of time due to normal work procedures or extenuating circumstances (two hours or more), the Fire Chief and/or the Police Chief, or any of their subordinate officers, shall be notified of such condition.

(e) A fire lane shall be preserved and no person shall park a vehicle in such fire lane adjacent to or parallel with any multifamily, commercial, industrial, professional, recreational, public assembly, educational or business building, except for brief periods for purposes to drop off or pick-up in areas acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.

(f) No parking area shall be so laid out where parked vehicles in such area would interfere with fire lanes and every parking area shall have a separate entrance and an exit way.

(g) All areas designated as fire lanes and "no parking" areas shall be properly identified by adequate signs and markings so designated by the authority having jurisdiction, supplied and installed by the property owner.

(h) In addition to signs and markings required in subsection (g) hereof, all designated fire lane areas shall be marked with traffic yellow paint as designated by the authority having jurisdiction in subsection (g) hereof.

All normally used parking areas and walkways shall be marked in traffic white paint.

All signs required by subsection (g) hereof shall be spaced in such a manner as to properly identify such designated fire lanes. Normal spacing shall be not more than seventy feet apart nor less than fifty feet apart. Special circumstances may indicate less distance, more distance or additional or different types of style of signs by the authority having jurisdiction.

(i) Enforcement of this section shall be the responsibility of the Police Department and/or the Fire Department.

(j) Penalties for violations of any of the provisions of this section shall be as follows:

- (1) For the first offense, ten dollars (\$10.00);
- (2) For the second offense occurring within twelve months of the first offense, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00); and
- (3) For the third or subsequent offense occurring within twelve months of the first offense, a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

The fines for the first and second offenses shall be waivable as provided in Section 351.99 of these Codified Ordinances.

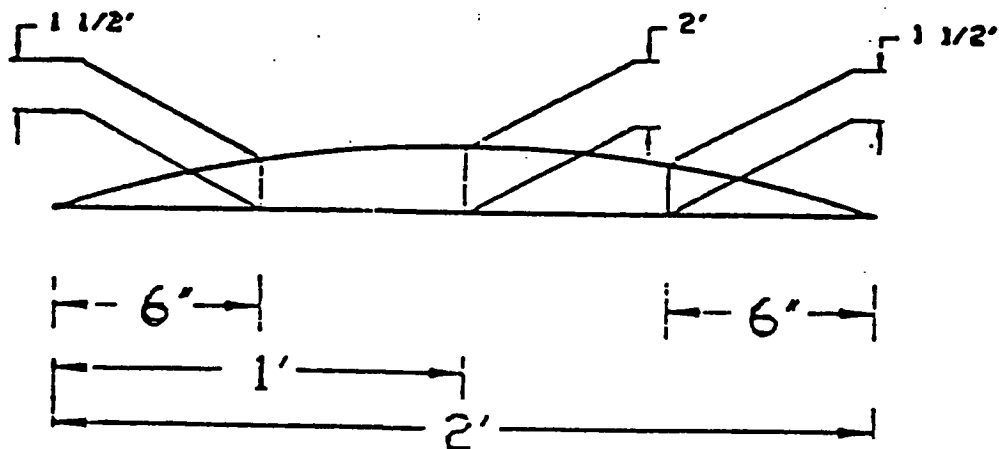
(k) In addition to the penalties provided in subsection (j) hereof, any vehicle found in violation of any of the provisions of this section shall be towed away and stored at the owner's expense.

Speed control devices.

(a) No owner or operator of any building, apartment or other structure in the City of Oberlin that has designated fire lanes shall have any type of traffic control device or speed bump that does not conform with the specifications in the "Speed Control Device" diagram set forth below. The materials to be used to construct the speed control device shall conform to the latest edition of the State of Ohio Department of Transportation Construction and Materials Specifications Manual.

(b) The failure of any owner or operator to remove nonconforming speed control devices from designated fire lanes upon order of the Fire Department shall subject such owner or operator to the penalties set forth in Section 1501.99. The installation of nonconforming speed control devices in designated fire lanes by an owner or operator shall also subject such owner or operator to the penalties set forth in Section 1501.99.

## SPEED CONTROL DEVICE



404 ASPHALT CONCRETE  
@ WIDTH EQUAL TO THE  
TRAVELED LANE.

EDGES SHALL BE SEALED  
WITH AC-20.

CROSS SECTIONAL AREA = .082 SQ. FT.

SECTION 2. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance shall take effect at the earliest date allowed by law.

PASSED: 1st Reading - November 6, 1995 (E)  
2nd Reading -  
3rd Reading -

ATTEST:

  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
CHAIR OF COUNCIL

POSTED: November 10, 1995

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 6, 1995