

Chapter 46A

FIRE LANES

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat 9-26-77 as Ord. No. 1977-35. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

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Be it ordained by the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, in the County of Ocean and State of New Jersey:

§ 46A-1. Parking.

- A. Upon a finding that such action is necessary for the public safety, the Chief Fire Official and Inspector, the Chief Fire Official being the Fire Prevention Subcode Official of Barnegat Township, may require the owner or owners of any shopping center, commercial structure, place of public

assembly, multiple-dwelling group, industrial park, office building, hotel or motel, school or marina to designate a fire zone in the driveways of the premises leading to and from the parking areas, loading areas, public streets or rights-of-way leading to the above types of buildings or structures. Such fire zones, also to be known as "fire lanes," shall be no less than ten (10) feet nor more than fifty (50) feet in width and shall be striped and lettered in yellow on a paved surface. Such striping and lettering shall remain legible at all times. Metal fire-zone signs, the lettering of same to be legible at all times, shall be provided, erected and maintained by said owner or owners and placed at the discretion of the Chief Fire Official. Said signs are to be of a design and quality and lettered in accordance with applicable state law and approved by the Chief Fire Official.

- B. No person shall, at any time, park a vehicle or in any other manner obstruct any driveway or other area that has been designated a fire zone as hereinabove provided.

§ 46A-2. Fire stations.

- A. All owners of commercial structures and commercial uses on property abutting any body of water shall have pumping stations constructed at the water, having a thirty-foot section of bulkhead, with a minimum depth of water of three (3) feet during low tide. Said pumping station shall be constructed with a paved surface at the bulkhead adequate for the use of heavy fire equipment and apparatus. It shall be the responsibility of the owner or owners of said commercial structures or commercial properties to repair and maintain said pumping stations. Should the Chief Fire Official determine that repairs are needed and the repairs are not completed within sixty (60) days by said owner or owners upon notification of the need for such repairs, failure to make repairs will constitute a violation of this ordinance.

- B. No person shall at any time push a vehicle or in any other manner obstruct any driveway or area that has been designated as a pumping station as hereinabove provided.

§ 46A-3. Special regulations for shopping centers.

- A. Fire areas shall be established in all shopping centers to ensure fire equipment and other emergency vehicles unobstructed means of ingress and egress to the properties and buildings located therein in the event of fire or other emergency.
- B. The number, locations, dimensions and markings of such areas shall be determined by the Chief Fire Official based upon the size, type and location of the buildings in such shopping centers, the types of uses contained therein, the number of motor vehicles operated and parked upon the property, the number of persons using and occupying the premises, the existing means of ingress and egress, the total area of the property and other relevant factors.
- C. The Chief Fire Official is authorized to regulate, restrict and prohibit the parking and operation of motor vehicles in and near such fire areas and to impose other reasonable regulations necessary to ensure that such areas are free from obstructions.

§ 46A-4. Enforcement.

The Chief Fire Official, being the Fire Prevention Subcode Official, and the Police Department of the Township of Barnegat shall have concurrent jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of this ordinance.

§ 46A-5. Violations and penalties.

Any violators of the provisions of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.) or by imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days, or both;

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and there shall be a minimum fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.) for any violation of the provisions of this ordinance.

§ 46A-6. Additional remedies.

Notwithstanding the penalties hereinabove provided for violation of this ordinance, the municipality shall be entitled to pursue any other remedy available at law or equity to enforce the provisions hereof.

§ 46A-7. Repealer.

Any ordinance or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

§46A-8. When effective.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.