

Chapter 98

FIRE LANES

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GENERAL REFERENCES

Fire prevention - See Ch. 100.
Vehicles and traffic - See Ch. 171.

§ 98.1. Purpose.

It is the intent, purpose and scope of this chapter to provide for the designation of fire lanes wherever it appears that parking congestion may create a hazard by impeding the free movement of fire-fighting equipment anywhere within the Borough, on public or private property.

§ 98.2. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following words shall have the meaning set forth below:

BOROUGH - The Borough of Whitehall.

FIRE OFFICIAL - The BOROUGH Mayor or such other person appointed by him for the enforcement and administration of this chapter.

§ 98.3. Designation of fire lanes; parking regulated.

The FIRE OFFICIAL shall have the power to designate fire lanes anywhere within the BOROUGH, on public or private property, where he deems that parking congestion may create a hazard by impeding the free movement of fire-fighting equipment. The FIRE OFFICIAL may consult the Volunteer Fire Department of the BOROUGH or any other BOROUGH agency or consultant in making such designation. Such fire lanes shall be marked in such a fashion as to indicate their location and posted with no-parking signs. Parking shall be prohibited within the designated fire lanes.

§ 98.4. Enforcement.

The FIRE OFFICIAL shall prescribe and issue all forms necessary for the administration of this chapter and may adopt and enforce regulations relating to any matter pertaining to the administration of this chapter, including but not limited to the imposition and collection of fines for violations. The FIRE OFFICIAL may designate the Fire Inspector, the BOROUGH police, the private property owner's security force or other persons to enforce this chapter, either singly or in conjunction with each other.

§ 98.5. Violations and penalties.

Any car owner who parks or permits his car to be parked within a designated fire zone will be prosecuted by the FIRE OFFICIAL. A fine of five dollars (\$5.) shall be imposed for each violation and shall be collected by the FIRE OFFICIAL by a ticketing procedure whereby the fine may be paid at BOROUGH Municipal Building. If the fine is not paid within ten (10) days, the FIRE OFFICIAL shall further prosecute the violator before a District Justice. If such further prosecution is necessary, the violator shall pay a fine of fifteen dollars (\$15.) plus costs imposed by the District Justice. In default of payment, the violator may be sentenced to imprisonment in the Allegheny County Jail for not more than thirty (30) days. If payment is made at the BOROUGH Municipal Building within twenty-four (24) hours, the fine shall be two dollars (\$2.).