



Office Of The Fire Marshal  
*Town of Seymour*

1 First Street  
Seymour, Connecticut 06483

To: Seymour First Selectman Kurt Miller

From: Seymour Fire Marshal Paul Wetowitz

Date: July 23 2014

Re: Fire Lane Designation at Oxmour Plaza 225 West Street

In following the Town's Municipal Code for fire lane designation, I have attached my order regarding Oxmour Plaza 225 West Street. I have also attached a copy of the Municipal Code Section for your reference. Per the Municipal Code, this order needs to be posted on the Town Hall's post for review by the general public. Please take the necessary steps to ensure that it is posted. I have followed all other notifications as required by the Town's Code.

If there are any questions, please contact me.



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## **FIRE LANE ZONE DESIGNATION**

**Per the authority granted to the Seymour Fire Marshal under Seymour Municipal Code Section 6-1 (b), I am hereby designating the immediate area in front of The Oxmour Plaza Shopping Strip 225 West Street as a fire lane zone. The area in front of the shopping strip is already adequately marked for fire lane designation and no parking. I have been working with the property owner, Mr. Lou Regina, in bringing the signage up to Code. He is in full agreement with this designation. The Seymour Police Department is encouraged to enforce the no parking designation and take the appropriate enforcement actions. I have attached a copy of the applicable Municipal Code section for reference.**

**I am following the Seymour Fire Zone Code, Section 6-1 (c), by having one copy filed with the Board of Police Commissioners and one copy with the Town Clerk. I am following the Seymour Fire Zone Code, Section 6-1(b), by having one copy delivered to the property owner, Mr. Lou Regina and one copy filed with the First Selectman's Office in order to have it posted on the Town Post in Town Hall.**

**If there are any questions, please contact me.**

**Paul Wetowitz  
Seymour Fire Marshal  
July 23 2014**

**Sec. 6-1. Fire zones.**

- (a) *Definition.* A "fire zone" is a designated, unobstructed passageway sufficient in size to permit free passage of fire and other emergency equipment from a public highway to all necessary areas or portions of any private or public property, as hereinafter set forth.
- (b) *Establishment by fire marshal.* Whenever the fire marshal shall determine that the reasonable safety of persons occupying, or using, any premises, public or private, having a capacity of at least 15 persons, requires the establishment of a fire zone for orderly access of fire and other emergency equipment, for the protection of public safety, he shall establish such fire zone by written order and cause to be made public, announcement of such fire zone establishment, by posting the same on the town post in town hall. He shall cause a copy of such order to be delivered to the owner or owners, or agents thereof, of any private land on which such fire zone is established.
- (c) *Order establishing fire zone; appeal to board of selectmen.* Whenever the fire marshal establishes a fire zone, he shall file one copy of his order with the town clerk and one copy with the board of police commissioners. Any person aggrieved by such order may file, with the town clerk, within 15 days after the date of such order, written notice of appeal, setting forth therein reasons of aggrievement. A copy of the appeal shall be transmitted forth with by the town clerk to the board of selectmen. After hearing, the board of selectmen may affirm, modify or rescind such order.
- (d) *Signs delineating fire zone; cost; lien.* Upon establishment of a fire zone, the board of police commissioners shall cause to be erected or installed, adequate signs, markings and other devices to delineate the fire zone. Signs, markings, and other devices erected or installed on privately owned premises, shall be the cost of the private owner, and may be billed for, and collected, in the same manner as municipal taxes, provided the board of police commissioners causes a notice of lien to be filed on the land records within 60 days after such erection or installation.
- (e) *Parking, etc., in fire zone; fine for violations.* No person shall park, or permit to stand, a motor vehicle in a fire zone which has been established in accordance with this section, except when actually picking up or discharging passengers. Any person violating this section shall be fined not more than \$25.00. The registered owner of a motor vehicle shall be presumed to be the operator of such vehicle.
- (f) *Notice of violation; appearance at police department and payment prior to time specified in notice.* Whenever a vehicle is found standing in violation of subsection (e), a police officer shall serve upon the owner or operator of such vehicle, or place upon such vehicle, a notice directing the owner or operator thereof to appear at the police department prior to a time specified in the notice. If any person receiving the notice shall appear as directed, and shall pay an amount as specified in the notice, not exceeding \$2.00, such payment shall bar a prosecution for violation of subsection (e).

(Code 1961, § 9-15)