



Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: Committee of the Whole / Common Council Meeting

Meeting Date: June 2, 2026

Item Title: Fire Lane at 125 O' Brien Court

Submitted By: Scott Hazeltine, Fire Chief

Detailed Description of Subject Matter: With the apartment complex taking residency soon, the fire department would like a fire lane to be able to have a parking area in order to hook our engine up to the FDC (Fire Department Connection) without any issues for parking, as the FDC is located on the northwest side of the building.

The FDC is a backup to the sprinkler system. If the fire pump inside the building for the sprinkler system would fail during an emergency/fire, we use one of our fire engines as the fire pump for the system. The fire engine would get water supply from a fire hydrant and the department pulls hose lines from the fire engine to the FDC. Regardless if it is needed or not, we do this backup connection so if there's a failure we can get water running instantly through the sprinkler system.

This engine most likely will be the new rural engine 92. It is approximately 37' long, so we would like at least a 50' parking spot marked and reserved as a fire lane for this engine to park. I am open to how we would like to label this area, but thinking "FIRE LANE" on the street in the parking area and signage would be appropriate.

List all Supporting Documentation Attached: see pictures attached.

Below is a conversation when I talked with Chief Weiner on this.

We adopt the state statute for traffic and parking violations. The adopting ordinance is 98-1 and the statute involved is 346.53(6) and it's titled Parking Prohibited by Sign. There is not a specific one for a fire lane or access to the standpipe.

You should also consider how you want it marked. Do you want 2 signs, and "No Parking between signs" set up, or a couple "No Parking" in a row. You should also request the curb be painted yellow in the area so no confusion. Not sure how long of a distance you are looking at here, but to accommodate a fire truck, one sign probably would not cover the area, and people would poach into what you want as a zone for the fire truck(s). Just some things to think about.

Action Requested of Council: Approval to have this completed as soon as we can as move-ins are starting to take residency on Friday, May 29, 2026.







