

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-05**

**CITY OF MENDOTA  
DAKOTA COUNTY**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING THE MENDOTA CITY ORDINANCE TO  
ADD SECTION 412 REGULATING FIRE LANES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mendota desires to update and amend the City Code of Ordinances to specify regulation and enforcement relating to fire lanes located within the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MENDOTA, DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to adopt and add a Section 412, which shall contain the following provisions as herein written below:

**SECTION 412 - FIRE LANES**

**412.01 - Establishment.**

The Council, at the request of the fire chief, fire marshal, or any fire inspector, may establish fire lanes on public or private property as may be necessary to comply with the state fire code and in order that the travel of fire equipment may not be interfered with and that access to fire hydrants or buildings may not be obstructed.

**412.02 - Existing fire lane signs.**

Fire lanes in existence prior to the effective date of the ordinance from which this article is derived shall be permitted to remain using existing signs so long as such signs are maintained in good repair and condition. If the fire chief, fire marshal, or any fire inspector determines that such signs are not maintained as required in this article, the Council shall require signing as provided in section 412.03.

**412.03 - New fire lanes and sign specifications.**

Fire lanes established after the effective date of the ordinance from which this Code is derived or existing fire lanes changed after the effective date of the ordinance from which this Code is derived, shall be marked by signs, not more than 75 feet apart, bearing the words, "No Parking, Fire Lane," with the first and last sign marking the limits of the fire lane. The signs shall have red letters and a red border on a white background, shall be at least 12 inches by 18 inches in size and shall otherwise comply with the standards from time to time established by the fire chief for such signs. The symbol for "No Parking" may also be used with the words "Fire Lane" below it. The fire chief may approve other styles of fire lane signs.

#### **412.04 - Maintenance of signs.**

When the fire lane is on public property or public right-of-way, the signs shall be erected and maintained by the city, and when on private property, they shall be erected by the owner at the owner's expense within 30 days after the owner has been notified of the order. After these signs are erected, they shall be maintained by the owner at the owner's expense. After the signs are erected, no person shall park a vehicle in or otherwise occupy or obstruct the fire lane.

#### **412.05 - Towing authorization.**

Whenever any member of the fire chief, fire marshal, a fire inspector, or a police officer finds a vehicle unattended and occupying or obstructing a fire lane, such individual is authorized to provide for removal and impoundment of the vehicle at the expense of the owner of the vehicle. Any private individual may inform the fire chief, fire marshal, a fire inspector, or a police officer of an unattended vehicle in violation of this ordinance.

#### **412.06 - Violation and citation.**

In addition to removal and impoundment of the vehicle at the expense of the owner, violations of this section shall be classified of a petty misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed Three Hundred Dollars (\$300). Citations shall be issued to vehicles parked in fire lanes defined by this article.

#### **412.07 - Violation.**

No person shall be convicted of violating this article unless such person shall have been given notice of the violation in writing and have had a reasonable time to comply.

#### **412.08 - Interpretation.**

In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this article and the state fire code, as adopted by this article, the most stringent provision shall apply. Provided, however, that no provision of this article shall be interpreted to exceed the provisions of the building code.

**State Law reference—** State fire code, Minn. Stat. § 299F.011.

The Motion for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly made by Councilmember Gollas and seconded by Councilmember Rasmussen. The following vote was taken:

	Yes	No
Brian Mielke	X	
Joan Perron	X	
Steve Gollas	X	
Melody Rasmussen	X	
Clark Donnelly	X	

WHEREUPON, said Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

I certify that the City of Mendota adopted the above Resolution on this 9th day of April, 2019.

Brian Mielke

Brian Mielke  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Krötter  
Kathy Krötter  
City Clerk