

## CODE WORD

This procedure is used to clarify provisions of the Harris County Fire Code. It's sole intent is to clarify what is acceptable practice.

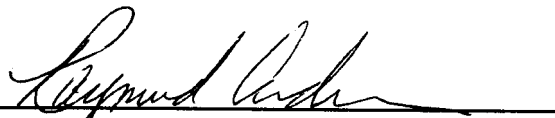
**Issue Date:** November 15, 2005

**Subject:** *Fire Lanes for Water Treatment Plants*


**Section of Regulation:** Harris County Fire Lane Regulations/IFC 2003, Appendix D

**Question:** Are water treatment plants required to have a Fire Lane?

**Answer:** Water treatment plants **are** subject to **Harris County Fire Lane Regulations** with the following exceptions. The road or public way approaching the fenced enclosure shall meet all regulations as to width and weight bearing capability. Striping on roads inside the fenced enclosure is not required if buildings are less than 150' from the gate. Interior roads leading to buildings shall be capable of bearing the weight of a fire apparatus (75,000 lbs.) and meet width requirements (20 feet). Exceptions to width requirements may be requested for existing roads. A pre-fire plan conducted by the local fire department, stating that fire apparatus access is adequate for fire fighting operations will be considered as compliance.



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