

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Fire Code - Fire Apparatus Access Roads]

Ordinance amending the Fire Code, Chapter 5, Section 503.4, to clarify what does not constitute an obstruction of a Fire Apparatus Access Roads.

Existing Law

Under the California Fire Code, a fire apparatus access road shall not be obstructed in any manner, including the parking of vehicles. The minimum width for a fire apparatus access road is 20 feet with an unobstructed vertical clearance of not less than 13 feet 6 inches.

Amendments to Current Law

This legislation will clarify that an unobstructed sidewalk that does not exceed six inches in height will not constitute a per se obstruction of fire apparatus access road. This legislation does not affect the authority of the fire code official under state law. A department may not act pursuant to this ordinance in contradiction to the determination of the fire code official.