Scope:
This policy is intended to clarify and support the code provisions for emergency fire department access found in IFC section 503 and Appendix D as adopted.

Policy:
Access Roadway Criteria

1. All access roadways must enter and exit onto a public way or other approved access roadway.

2. Turnarounds are required when the roadway exceeds 150 feet in length. Minimum turning radius shall be 25 feet inside and 50 feet outside. Turnarounds may be omitted for individual R-3 dwellings, when the access roadway is a minimum of 15 feet wide and less than 200' long.

3. All emergency access gates must be signed “No Parking-Fire Lane”. When a new gate is installed, gates maybe required to be operable using a remote gate actuator which will automatically open the gate. The actuator shall be compatible with PFA equipment. When manual gates are approved they may be locked using a Knox padlock only when located on secondary points of access.

4. All access roadways must be all weather driving surfaces capable of supporting fire apparatus. Surface shall be asphalt, concrete, or compacted road base.

   a. Compacted road base or chip shall only be used for a temporary emergency access. Temporary access shall be allowed as long as the site is under construction. Thereafter permanent fire lanes shall be accessible and unobstructed at all times.

   b. All access roads shall be hard surface consisting of asphalt or concrete designed to HS 20 and capable of supporting 40 tons.

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5. Any private access roadway which crosses property lines, regardless of ownership, must be dedicated as an emergency access easement to the appropriate jurisdiction and recorded on the recorded plat for the development.

6. Fire access roadways must be in place before any construction begins on site, beyond footing and foundation.

7. All access roads are required to be maintained as built and remain unobstructed.