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Hi Nel,

Here's the standard for Fire Department access.

- 1.) *Largest Fire Department Vehicle must be able to navigate through the parking lot to access building.*
- 2.) *Fire Department access shall have an unobstructed vertical clearance of not less than 13 ft. 6 in.*
- 3.) *Vertical clearance shall be permitted to be reduced, provided such reduction does not impair access by fire apparatus, and approved signs are installed and maintained indicating the established vertical clearance when approved.*

Because the drop off area is, for the most part, under the structure, I'd approve the 12 ft. clearance if signage indicating the clearance at the entrance of the drop off area is provided with a sign indicating passenger vehicles only.

Also, considering the location of the sprinkler room and fire pump room, the fire department connections shall not be located where fire department hose may block, or impede, egress. If the fire department connections are in the drop off area the required height will be 13 ft. 6 in. If the connections are on the Gilman Street side, near the fire pump room, they would have to be away from the exit stairs at the exit discharge.

Hope this helps.

Thanks,
Mike

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