



MEMORANDUM

To: Whom It May Concern
From: Director of Public Safety
Date: June 19, 2019
Subject: Automatic Gate System Standards

Summary of Standards:

Below are the required operating features for automatic gate systems installed within Manatee County that are covered in Chapter 2-28 of Article II of the Manatee County Code of Ordinances (Ordinance 19-15). Operating features noted in this memo shall be in addition to compliance with the requirements of the Land Development Code.

1. Plans for each automatic gate system shall be submitted to Manatee County Public Safety Department Division of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and corresponding Fire District for review & approval prior to the initiation of any construction.
2. When in the open position, gates shall allow not less than fifteen (15) feet horizontal clear space, including the roadway surface between the curbs. A vertical clear space of not less than thirteen (13) feet six (6) inches shall also be required.
3. Each system shall have as a minimum for operation:
 - A. Remote access using electronic openers. The openers shall be set to the current frequency and code for use by Manatee County Public Safety, Building and Development Services (Code Enforcement), Public Works, and Utilities Departments, as well as fire districts, law enforcement agencies, and any other emergency agency operating in Manatee County at the request of the director of the Manatee County Public Safety Department. This frequency and code shall be separate from, and in addition to, any frequency and code intended for use by the occupants.
 - B. In the event of power outages, a battery backup system shall cause the gate(s) to be open on the entry side of the complex to allow emergency access. The gate(s) shall remain in the fully open position until power is restored.
 - C. In accordance with Chapter 252 Florida Statute Emergency Management, and during times of manmade or natural disasters, gated communities shall maintain their gates in an open position. The gates shall remain in an open position for the completion of debris removal, access by power company and any other agency or County department in responding to a disaster or providing emergency disasters services. This will be in conjunction with local and state declared emergencies.



- D. If the gate is to be used for emergency access only, signage shall be installed on both the interior and exterior of the gate indicating the gate is to be used for emergency access only and prohibiting parking.
- E. In the event the gate(s) becomes non-operational, the gate(s) shall be secured in fully open position until the minimum requirements have been restored to a fully operational condition.
- F. Upon initial acceptance of the automatic gate(s), EMS personnel or fire department personnel shall mark the gate(s) with reflective tape. These markings shall be maintained by the property owner or management.
- G. Cross arm bars used for automatic gates shall not be installed until the gate(s) have been inspected and approved by this department.