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TEXAS GATES

Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to establish a clear and consistent process for reviewing and responding to requests for the installation of a Texas gate on municipal road allowances, ensuring public safety, accessibility, and the proper management of infrastructure. Under Section 18 of the Municipal Government Act, Cypress County has the authority to control, manage, and maintain municipal road allowances.

General

Municipal road allowances are intended for public access and transportation. Texas gates may only be permitted where they are:

- Necessary for agricultural operations.
- Compatible with public use of the road allowance.
- In the overall public interest.

Eligibility Criteria

Texas gate requests may be considered where:

- The road allowance traverses actively used agricultural or grazing lands.
- Fencing exists or is proposed on both sides of the road allowance.
- There is a demonstrated operational need to contain livestock.
- The developed road is not a primary access route or heavily used public roadway.

Application Requirements

Applicants must submit a completed Texas Gate Application Form together with the following supporting documentation:

- **Fabrication Plan**
A detailed fabrication plan of the proposed Texas gate, including:
 - Overall dimensions;
 - Materials and component specifications;
 - Structural layout and sufficient details to confirm compliance.

- **Site Plan**

A site plan clearly showing:

- The proposed location of the Texas gate;
- The position of the Texas gate within the developed road allowance (centered in the existing road) or undeveloped road allowance in relation to the road allowance boundary.
- Road alignment, fencing, and access points sufficient to assess public safety, maintenance, and drainage impacts.

Applications submitted without both a fabrication plan and a site plan shall be deemed incomplete and shall not be processed.

Review and Approval Process

Administration reviews the request for completeness and compliance. A site inspection will be conducted and consideration is given to:

- Public safety and accessibility.
- Road maintenance and drainage.
- Emergency vehicle access.
- Long-term operational impacts.

Administration may approve, deny, or recommend conditions.

Texas Gate Construction Specifications

All Texas gates installed on municipal road allowances shall comply with the following minimum construction standards:

- **Materials**

The Texas gate shall be constructed entirely of heavy gauge steel.

- a. No wood components are permitted under, within, or surrounding the Texas gate structure.

- **Minimum Dimensions**

The Texas gate shall have minimum overall dimensions of:

- a. 8.0 metres in width, and
- b. 2.13 metres in length.

- **Top Surface Construction**

- a. The top surface shall consist of a minimum of twelve (12) heavy-walled steel pipes.
- b. Each pipe shall have a diameter ranging from 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ inches (2.875") to 3 inches (3.0").

- **Support Structure**

- a. The top pipes shall be welded to a minimum of six (6) steel I-beams.
- b. Each I-beam shall be a minimum of 6 inches to 8 inches in size.
- c. Steel angle iron spacers shall be welded between each top pipe and welded to each I-beam to provide structural rigidity.

- **Sleeper Assembly**
 - a. The I-beams shall be welded to two (2) heavy-walled steel pipes used as sleepers.
 - b. Sleeper pipes shall have a diameter ranging from 8 inches to 10 inches.
- **Workmanship**
 - a. All welding shall be continuous, professional-grade, and suitable for long-term exposure to traffic loading and environmental conditions.
 - b. The finished structure must be capable of safely supporting public vehicular traffic.

Conditions of Approval

If approved:

- All costs for construction, installation, and removal are the responsibility of the applicant.
- The gate must meet County design and safety standards as indicated in the application.
- Texas Gates located on Developed Road Allowances will be maintained by the County.
- Texas Gates located on Undeveloped Road Allowances will be maintained by the Applicant at their expense.

Liability and Indemnification

The applicant shall:

- Assume all liability associated with the Texas gate and indemnify and hold harmless Cypress County from all claims, damages, or losses arising from the installation or use of the gate on undeveloped road allowances.

Policy History

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