ORDINANCE NO. 84-1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE NOVATO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AMENDING ARTICLE 13, SECTION 13.208 OF THE UNIFORM FIRE CODE (1976 EDITION) TO ADD AN EXCEPTION ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCESS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICE VEHICLES WHERE SECURITY GATES OR BARRICADES ARE USED

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. Article 13, Section 13.208, subsection (a), of the Uniform Fire Code (1976 Edition) is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

EXCEPTION: Where security gates or barricades are employed they shall incorporate provision for emergency service vehicles access in the following form:

1) **Chains, Cables and Manually Operated Gates:**

Security/locking arrangement shall include either a link chain which may be cut with bolt cutters or a Novato Fire District coded security box into which shall be placed duplicates of owner's keys, written combinations, instructions, as required for gaining entry.

2) **Motorized Security Gates:**

When serving no more than two (2) properties the security system shall include a Novato Fire District coded electrical switch installed in series with the owner(s) controls so that gates will open upon activating the switch and remain open until the switch is restored to normal position.

Where such gates serve more than two (2) properties the security system shall incorporate a supervised emergency switch that will cause gates to open and sound an alarm at a remote location. Gates will remain open until alarm and emergency switch have been reset. The switch shall be housed in an approved weatherproof enclosure, be identified with appropriate wording and require no special effort, knowledge or tools to operate.
All motorized gates shall incorporate in their design the means for fast, effective manual operation of the gates in the event of power or mechanical failure (i.e., easily removable hinge pins for separating powered linkage from gates; undercut, weakened or frangible members requiring 40 pounds or less pressure against the gates to cause their failure and the gates to open).

All electrical wiring and components of motorized gates shall be UL listed and installed in accordance with the National Electric Code.

All gates shall open fully to provide an unobstructed passage width of not less than 12 feet within 15 seconds and there shall be 13 feet, 6 inches overhead clearance.

3. Owners and/or proponents of roadway security improvements shall provide the Chief of the Novato Fire Protection District with a signed statement of waiver of liability for any damages, injuries or death brought about by a delay of response attributed to the security implements.

4. Street and building numbers of all structures located beyond security gates shall be posted at the public side of the gates.

5. All costs associated with required emergency access provisions shall be borne by the owner of the security gate.

SECTION II. Effective date. This ordinance shall be and is hereby declared to be in full force and effect as of thirty (30) days from and after the date of its passage and shall be published once before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after its passage with the names of the Directors voting for and against the same in the Independent Journal, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Marin.
The foregoing Ordinance was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Novato Fire Protection District on the 6th day of February, 1984, by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Henry Alvernaz, Mario Balestrieri, William L. Boyle, Jr. Nancy DeSousa, Terry Wallace

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

[Signature]
President,
Board of Directors

ATTEST: [Signature]
Clerk