

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

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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 elec-  
trical 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 powerized 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.

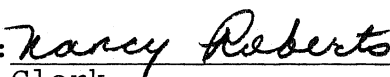
The foregoing Ordinance was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Novato Fire Protection District on the 6th day of February, 1984, by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

  
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President,  
Board of Directors

ATTEST:   
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Clerk