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Texas Gate Policy

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Cancel: Policy 387 Texas Gate Policy, Policy 399 Texas Gate Installation Agreement

Resolution #: 406-19

CAO Signature: 

Purpose: Lac Ste. Anne County recognizes there are circumstances where the use of a Texas Gate may be considered, provided public access is not adversely impacted.

Guidelines:

1. The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or Designate is hereby authorized to approve and make other determinations with respect to a Texas Gates located on or within a Right-of-Way (ROW).
2. The installation of a Texas Gate will only be considered on dead-end roads and where the main use of the road is for access to a farmland only.
3. Texas Gates will not be considered on a road that serves a residence.
4. A Texas Gate shall be constructed in accordance with the following specifications:
 - a. Minimum clear width of twenty (20) feet by six (6) feet.
 - b. Constructed with bars of pipe or railroad steel and a base steel of treated timber.

- c. Bars shall not allow an open space of more than four- and one-half inches (4.5’).
 - d. Travel distance of the Texas Gate shall be no less than five feet (5’’).
 - e. Designed for a minimum gross vehicle weight of 110,000 pounds (49,895 kg).
5. Plans and specifications for the Texas Gate must be submitted and approved by LSAC prior to installation.
 6. A by-pass roadway with a date, that is deemed suitable to LSAC, shall be provided adjacent to the Texas Gate.
 7. A “Texas Gate Ahead” sign shall be erected 125feet (38m) preceding the Texas Gate. A “Livestock at Large” sign shall be erected fifty (50) feet (15m) after the Texas Gate. Reflective markers shall be installed on each end of the Texas Gate and from both traffic directions. The applicant is responsible for the erection and maintenance of the signage, and the owner shall keep the signage in proper state of repair.
 8. Written approval from all property owners who use the road as access to their property must be obtained by the applicant and submitted with the application.
 9. The applicant shall be responsible for the entire construction and installation of the Texas gate and shall carry liability insurance in an amount acceptable to the Public Works Department that will save harmless and indemnified at all times Lac Ste. Anne County against all claims for damaged or other claims which may arise attributable to the existence and use of the Texas Gate on the municipal road.

10. The applicant will remove the Texas Gate at their expense if the County determines that safety, maintenance, or public convenience is compromised or if the applicant does not adhere to all stipulations of the approval.
11. The applicant must enter into an agreement with Lac Ste. Anne County to govern the installation, maintenance, continued use and removal of the Texas Gate.