

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD

ORDINANCE NO. 2666

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
OXNARD AMENDING SECTION 13-2 OF THE OXNARD CITY
CODE BY ADDING SECTION 902.5 TO THE 2001 CALIFORNIA
FIRE CODE RELATING TO ELECTRONIC OR ELECTRIC ACCESS
GATES

The City Council of the City of Oxnard makes the following findings:

1. The City has previously adopted the 2001 California Fire Code by reference;
2. There are numerous electronic and electric access gates in business, commercial and residential portions of the City;
3. Emergency vehicles and personnel have difficulty promptly entering the areas closed with such gates when confronted with threats to public health, safety, and welfare; and
4. The cost to retrofit such a gate in accordance with the requirements of this ordinance is approximately \$1,500.

Now, therefore, the City Council of the City of Oxnard does ordain as follows:

Part 1. Section 13-2 of the Oxnard City Code is hereby amended by adding new subsection (c) to read as follows:

“(c) Section 902.5: Section 902.5 is added to the 2001 California Fire Code to read as follows:

“902.5 Electronic and Electric Access Gates. When access to or within a structure or area is impeded by an electronically or electrically secured opening or gate, such electronically or electrically secured opening or gate shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with plans approved by the chief. The chief shall not approve such plans unless the plans allow emergency vehicles and emergency personnel to open such electronically or electrically secured opening or gate by city approved radio equipment used by such emergency vehicles or personnel.

“On or before August 1, 2006, all existing electronically or electrically secured openings or gates that impede access to a structure or area shall either be (a) removed, or (b) constructed and maintained in accordance with plans approved by the chief.

“For the purposes of this section 902.5, ‘opening’ shall be limited to an exterior door for a commercial or industrial building or a door on a commercial, industrial, or residential property that limits access to a common area that is an accessway to more than one commercial, industrial, or residential occupancy.”

Part 2. The previously existing subsections 13-2 (c), (d), and (e) are redesignated as subsections (d), (e), and (f) respectively.

Part 3. The City Council, after due consideration, hereby finds and determines that all the amendments, deletions, and additions to the 2001 California Fire Code are due to the following:

Climatic - The City experiences periods of high temperatures accompanied by low humidity and high winds each year.

Geological - The City is located in an area with expansive soils, high groundwater table, and ocean frontage.

Topographical – The City has flat land and waterfront developments that require special drainage and coastal precautions.

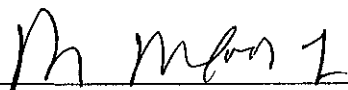
The City Council further finds that the above addition is necessary to best serve the public health and welfare. The City Council further finds and determines that the addition is also required for the reasons set forth in the Index and Summary to Model Codes and Amendments, which is incorporated herein by this reference and attached as Exhibit A to Ordinance No. 2610.

Part 4. Within 15 days after passage, the City Clerk shall cause this ordinance to be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation within the city. Ordinance No. 2666 was first read on July 20, 2004 and finally adopted on July 27, 2004 to become effective 30 days thereafter.

AYES: Councilmembers Lopez, Maulhardt, Pinkard, Zaragoza and Herrera.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.



Dr. Manuel M. Lopez, Mayor

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ATTEST:


Jill Beatty, Acting City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Gary L. Gillig, City Attorney