

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF IOWA COLONY, TEXAS, AMENDING THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE AND ORDINANCE NO. 2019-40 CONCERNING ELECTRONIC GATES ON FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS ROADS; THROUGH ORDINANCE NO. 2019-40, PROVIDING A PENALTY OF UP TO \$2,000 PER DAY FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE, A SEVERANCE CLAUSE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE .

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IOWA COLONY, TEXAS:

SECTION ONE. FIRE CODE. AMENDMENTS. SAVINGS CLAUSE

Ordinance No. 2019-40, enacted on December 16, 2019, adopted the International Fire Code, 2018 Edition, and amended that Fire Code. This ordinance makes an additional amendment to that Fire Code and to Ordinance No. 2019-40. The provisions of this ordinance shall be a part of Ordinance No. 2019-40 for all purposes and shall be subject to all terms of Ordinance No. 2019-40. Ordinance No. 2019-40, all other ordinances of the City, and the International Fire Code, 2018 Edition, shall remain in full force and effect, subject to the amendments herein and the previous amendments in effect at the time of this ordinance.

SECTION TWO. EXISTING SECTION 503.6. SECURITY GATES

The existing section 503.6 of the International Fire Code, 2018 Edition, states:

“503.6 Security Gates

“The installation of security gates across a fire apparatus access road shall be approved by the fire code official. Where security gates are installed, they shall have an approved means of emergency operation. The security and the emergency operation shall be maintained operational at all times. Electric gate operators, where provided, shall be listed in accordance with UL 325. Gates intended for automatic operation shall be designed, constructed and installed to comply with the requirements of ASTM F2200.”

SECTION THREE. FURTHER AMENDMENT OF FIRE CODE

Section 503.6.1 of the International Fire Code, 2018 Edition, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

“503.6.1. Electronic Gates

“503.6.1.1. Any electronic gate across a fire apparatus access road to a commercial property for human occupancy, a multifamily building, or a residential subdivision must provide for emergency vehicle access using a radio controlled opener that responds to the radios and frequencies used by each agency providing emergency services at the location of that gate. The reliability and functionality of the radio controlled opener must be acceptable to the Fire Marshall. The Click2Enter radio controlled opener is one system that complies with this section, until the Fire Marshall determines otherwise.

“503.6.1.2. However, an electronic gate subject to section 503.6.1.1 that was in place on January 27, 2020, must comply with section 503.6.1.1 no later than January 27, 2021.

“503.6.1.3. No person shall activate or close an electronic gate described by section 503.6.1 until the Fire Marshall has inspected and approved the gate for compliance with the Fire Code.

"503.6.1.4. The owner of the property shall be responsible for all costs associated with the purchase, installation, and maintenance of the electronic and radio controlled opening system."

SECTION FOUR. SEVERANCE CLAUSE

In the event any clause, phrase, provision, sentence, or part of this Ordinance or the application of the same to any person or circumstance shall for any reason be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect, impair, or invalidate this Ordinance as a whole or any part or provision hereof other than the part declared to be invalid or unconstitutional; and the City Council of the City of Iowa Colony Texas, declares that it would have passed each and every part of the same notwithstanding the omission of any such part thus declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, whether there be one or more parts.

SECTION FIVE. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect as of the date of its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED on January 27, 2020.

ATTEST:

Kayleen Rosser
Kayleen Rosser, City Secretary

Michael Byrum-Bratsen
Michael Byrum-Bratsen,
Mayor