

**CITY OF SALINAS
FIRE DEPARTMENT
GATE REQUIREMENTS**

Gates serving the means of egress system shall comply with **CFC 1010**. Gates used as a component in a means of egress shall conform to the applicable requirements for doors. Egress doors shall be readily openable from the egress side without the use of a key or special knowledge or effort.

Security gates shall comply with all of the following, as per **CFC 503.6 & 6, D103.5, and Salinas Municipal Code 13-9 (z)**:

- a) Gate width shall be a minimum of 20'. Gated entrances with card readers, guard stations or center medians are allowed, provided that each lane is not less than fifteen (15') wide.
- b) Gate shall be of the swinging or sliding type.
- c) Gates shall be of materials that allow manual operation by one person.
- d) Gate components shall be maintained in an operative condition at all times.
- e) Electric gates shall be equipped with a means of opening the gate by Fire Department personnel, and shall be approved by the Fire Code Official.
- f) Manual opening gates shall not be locked with a padlock and/or chain unless they are capable of being opened by means of forcible entry tools, or key box containing the key(s) to the lock that is installed at the gate location.
- g) Locking device specifications shall be submitted for approval by the Fire Code Official.
- h) Electric gate operators, where provided, shall be listed in accordance with **UL 325 (Class I – IV)**.
- i) Gates intended for automatic operation shall be designed, constructed and installed to comply with the requirements of **ASTM F 2200 (Class I – IV)**.
- j) A gate accessing more than four residences or residential lots or a gate accessing *hazardous institutional, educational or assembly* occupancy groups shall also be equipped with an approved *emergency traffic control-activating strobe light sensor* or other device approved by the Fire Code Official, which will activate the gate on the approach of emergency apparatus with a battery back-up or manual mechanical disconnect in case of power failure.

The installation of security gates across a fire apparatus access road shall be *approved* by the fire chief. Where security gates are installed, they shall have an *approved* means of emergency operation. The security gates 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 F 2200. CFC 503.6 Security Gates.**