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## Policy Statement

Lacombe County recognizes that there are circumstances where the use of Texas Gates may be considered, provided public access is not adversely impacted.

## Regulation

1. The County Manager or designate is hereby authorized to approve and make other determinations with respect to a Texas Gate located within a right-of-way.
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 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 six metres by two metres.
  - b) Constructed with bars of pipe or railroad steel and a base of steel or treated timber.
  - c) Bars shall not allow an open space of more 115 millimetres.
  - d) Travel distance of the Texas Gate shall be no less than five one and one half metres.
  - e) Designed for a minimum gross vehicle weight of 50,000 kilograms.
5. Plans and specifications for the Texas Gate must be submitted and approved by Lacombe County prior to installation.
6. A bypass roadway with a gate suitable to Lacombe County shall be provided adjacent to the Texas Gate.
7. A "Texas Gate Ahead" sign shall be erected 30 metres preceding the Texas Gate. A "Livestock at Large" sign shall be erected 15 metres after the gate. Reflective markers shall be installed on each end of the Texas Gate and from both traffic directions. Such signs and markers will be provided to the applicant at cost. The applicant is responsible for the erection and maintenance of the sign.
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 owner shall keep the Texas Gate and warning signs in a proper state of repair. If in the opinion of the County, either the gate or signs are not properly maintained, the County may take

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whatever action considered necessary to either repair or close and remove the Texas Gate, all at the sole expense of the owner.

10. The applicant shall be responsible for the entire construction and installation costs of the Texas Gate, and shall carry liability insurance in the amount of \$5,000,000, that will save harmless and indemnify at all times Lacombe County, against all claims for damages or other claims which may arise attributable to the existence and use of the Texas Gate on the municipal road.
11. 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.
12. The applicant must enter into an agreement with Lacombe County to govern the installation, maintenance, continued use and removal of the Texas Gate.

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