

ORDINANCE NO. 4808

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE BOSSIER PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES OF BOSSIER PARISH, LA, "EMERGENCY SERVICES" TO ADD ARTICLE I. "IN GENERAL" AND ARTICLE II "ELECTRONIC ACCESS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE, AND MEDICAL RESPONDERS"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2020, that Chapter 42, be and is hereby amended to add Article I. "In General" prior to Sections 42-1 through 42-20 and Article II. "Electronic Access for Law Enforcement, Fire and Medical Responders" as follows:

**ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL**

Section 42-4 through 42-20 Reserved.

**ARTICLE II. ELECTRONIC ACCESS FOR  
LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE AND MEDICAL RESPONDERS**

**Section 42-21. Definitions.**

*Electronic limited access gate* means electronically operated gates which limit access to person having a key or code or other device allowing the opening of the gate for entry to the premises.

*Gated residential or commercial communities and premises* means all commercial properties, housing development, apartments and townhouse complexes, and all other residential communities, which have electronic limited access gates for ingress and egress of the community or commercial premises.

*Emergency rapid access device or receiver* includes rapid access key boxes, switch control devices, receivers, security padlocks, and locks and keys used in such devices, which shall be UL certified and approved by the fire marshal.

*Responsible persons/entities* for existing gated communities and gated commercial premises, shall be the person/entity responsible for maintenance of the gated access. For new-gated communities or gated commercial premises, the person/entity responsible shall be the developer or builder of the gated community or gated commercial property.

**Section 42-22. Requirements.**

Any gated community or gated commercial premises which has electronic limited access gates shall comply with the following requirements:

- (a) The electronic limited access gate must have a receiver installed which makes the gate capable of being operated with a radio transmitting system approved by the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office, appropriate fire districts and Bossier Parish Emergency Medical Services;
- (b) The receiver shall be installed on the column or post near the electrical control box;
- (c) A battery back-up and manual override shall be provided to the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office and appropriate fire districts and Bossier Parish Emergency Medical Services as the case may be in case of power outage.

**Section 42-23. Permits.**

The Bossier Parish Building Official shall not issue a permit to any applicant for proposed construction or installation of any electronic limited access gate without approval of the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office, or his/her designee and in compliance with this article.

**Section 42-24. Time for compliance; responsibility for compliance; enforcement.**

- (a) All new gated communities and gated commercial premises having electronic limited access gates for ingress and egress shall comply with this article before the gate is placed into operation. The person or entity responsible for compliance with this section shall be the developer or builder of the gated community or gated commercial premises;
- (b) All existing gated communities and gated commercial premises having electronic limited access gates for ingress and egress shall comply with this article on all electronic limited access gates when:
  - (1) their existing system fails or is replaced; or
  - (2) within one (1) year of the date of this ordinance; whichever occurs first.

The person or entity responsible for compliance with this section shall be the person or entity responsible for maintenance of the gated access.

- (c) The Bossier Parish Building Official shall be responsible for enforcement of the article with regard to new and existing gated residential and commercial communities and premises.

**Section 42-25. Penalties.**

Whoever shall be found guilty of violating any provision of this article shall, upon conviction, be punished pursuant to Chapter 1, Section 1-13 of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances. Application of the penal provision of Chapter 1, Section 1-13, shall not prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions, either under the adopted fire provision code or under any other applicable provisions of state or local law.

**Cross Reference – 110-98(a).**

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provisions or items of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Mr. Brotherton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2020.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICY JURY