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Cattle Guard (Texas Gate) Policy

Scope

This policy includes all cattle guards (Texas gates) situated on all municipal road allowances.

Purpose

1. To ensure that the Rural Municipality (RM) is aware of all cattle guards situated on road allowances within the municipality.
2. To ensure that cattle guards are built and maintained to a standard satisfactory to the RM Council and to ensure the safety of users of municipal roads.
3. To ensure all cattle guards on road allowances are constructed and maintained to a standard that is satisfactory to the RM.
4. To ensure that all cattle guards are constructed to withstand the weights and sizes of vehicles and equipment traveling on them.

Application

1. Written permission must be obtained before a cattle guard may be placed on a road allowance.
2. A detailed plan of the cattle guard, including the land location, construction details, and material details, must be submitted in writing to Council prior to installation.
3. The landowner is responsible for all costs incurred for the cattle guard's construction, installation, and ongoing maintenance.
4. "Cattle at Large" "Texas Gate Ahead" signs shall be provided by the municipality, with all the costs for signs and installation to be charged to the landowner. The landowners will be responsible for the costs of the ongoing maintenance of the signs.
5. All cattle guards shall meet the standards as set in the policy.
6. Installation shall be supervised by municipal personnel.
7. All cattle guards in the municipality shall be inspected annually by municipal personnel.
8. If any cattle guard does not meet the standards and specifications set in this policy, the council may order the cattle guard repaired or removed. If the landowner does not comply, the RM personnel will remove the cattle guard,

- repair the road site, and invoice the owner of the cattle guard for the costs of repair or removal.
9. If the road requirements of the municipality change in the future, the RM reserves the right to have the gates removed.

Standards and Specifications

1. Must meet the minimum weight requirements according to Provincial weight restrictions.
2. Space between cross members shall be a minimum of 5 inches on 2 7/8 inch pipes.
3. Pipe cross members should be a minimum of 2 7/8 inches
4. Cross members shall be supported by a minimum of 4 6x6 X ½ I-beam, T-iron, or pipe of equal strength.
5. Cattle guard shall be a minimum of 20 feet x 7 feet on all municipal road allowances.
6. Wings on either side of the cattle guard shall be a minimum of 4 feet in height.
7. Material shall be all steel construction sitting on a steel or concrete foundation.
8. An alternate crossing in the form of a minimum 30-foot gate in the fence within a reasonable distance of the cattle guard and an approach from the road allowance to the fence gate on both sides to accommodate passage of wide or heavy equipment.

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