



Limited Access Gate or Security Feature Permit Requirements

Gates, bollards, or other such security features can cause a delay of services from emergency responders should the need arise for them to gain access to a single-family home, multiplex, commercial structure, or any other type of occupancy. First responders must always be able to access these areas in an event of an emergency. Security features across fire apparatus roadways are permitted so long as they provide means of bypassing them via keys within a key box, or remote opening device, and approved via a permit issued by the King County Fire Marshal's division. King County does not allow the use of directional-limiting devices, such as tire spikes. The following information provides guidelines for submitting for a permit to install a limited access gate or security feature.



The electrical circuitry being installed is subject to Washington State Department of Labor and Industry permitting. A link is provided on page two to obtain more information.

Code References:

International Fire Code (IFC) as adopted by the state of Washington, 2021 edition.
King County Fire Code Title 17

Permit Submittal Requirements:

- Project Narrative – shall include the following information:
 - Details of the type of gate or security feature to be installed, either automatic or manual.
 - How gate will open - horizontal slide, horizontal swing, vertical lift, vertical pivot.
 - How will security feature open – key or remote opening device.
 - Outline describing normal operation procedures.
 - Outline describing emergency operations of the gate or security feature.

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- Site Plan –
 - Drawn to a minimum of 1/4" = 1' (1/8" = 1' may be accepted for larger sites on a case-by-case basis).
 - Minimum sheet size to be 11" x 17".
 - Plan shall indicate roadway width, gate/security feature location, and property lines.
- Equipment Specification Sheets -
 - Openers starting, they are listed in accordance with UL 325.
 - Gates intended for automatic operation stating they are designed, constructed, and installed to comply with ASTM F220.
- Signed Fire District Receipt -
 - Link to form provided below

How to Apply:

Permits are applied for via MyBuildingPermit.com.
Paper applications are not accepted.

For submittal questions please email:
permitservices@kingcounty.gov

Apply On-Line at MyBuildingPermit.com

Select: King County | Fire | Single Family Residential |
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Additional Resources:

King County -

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[Fire District Receipt](#)

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Washington State Department of Labor & Industries –

[Electrical Permits, Fees & Inspections](#)