

Chapter 15.57

GATE SAFEGUARDS

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15.57.010 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to promote public safety and welfare by reducing the risk of death or injury that may result from gates detaching from supporting hardware or gates not being well maintained or inspected. The Town finds it necessary to require gates to be inspected periodically by a professional and record keeping ensuring the basic life safety of the public.

15.57.020- Definitions. For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

1. "Property Owner" means and includes, without limitation, the fee owner(s) of real property, their agents, or the person(s) in possession of the real property.
2. "Gate inspector" means any licensed fence installer, licensed automatic system installer, ICC certified building inspector, licensed architect, or licensed engineer.
3. "Written certification" means a document signed and/or stamped by a gate inspector attesting that the inspector performed an in-person inspection of the gate and based on that inspection has determined that the gate meets all of the standards set forth in this chapter, the gate has been maintained, and the gate is in good working order. In addition, the document shall include the following:
 - a. Inspection date.
 - b. Site address.
 - c. Name of the property owner.
 - d. Contact information of inspector.
 - e. Signature and/or stamp of the inspector.

15.57.030 - Scope. The provisions of this chapter shall apply to all vehicular gates and any gate more than 48 inches (1219 mm) in width or more than 84 inches (2134 mm) in height.

15.57.040- General requirements. Gates shall meet the requirements of ASTM F1184 and Section 3110 of Section 15.05.085 of this code. Gates with operators or similar systems shall also meet the requirements of UL 325 and ASTM F2200.

15.57.050- Maintenance and inspection. The Property Owner shall keep all gates on the property well maintained and in good working order. The Property Owner shall have or cause to have all gates on the property inspected by a gate inspector and obtain a written certification at least once every five (5) years. The Property Owner shall keep a copy of the most recent written certification for each gate and make it available to the building official upon request.

15.57.060- Time limits for compliance. Newly installed gates are subject to the provisions of this Chapter. Gates that are in existence as of the effective date of this Ordinance must comply with this Chapter by July by July 1, 2025. (Ord. 722 (part), 2023).