

**Summary of Ordinance**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Subsection 9.04.02, Lake County Code, Appendix E, Land Development Regulations (“LDR”), to require all gated communities to have an approved emergency public safety access gate opening system.

Changes are shown as follows: ~~Strikethrough~~ for deletions and Underline for additions to existing Code sections. The notation “\* \* \*” shall mean that all preceding or subsequent text remains unchanged (excluding any renumbering or relettering that might be needed).

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING LAKE COUNTY CODE, APPENDIX E, LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, SUBSECTION 9.04.02, ENTITLED *PLANNING, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS*; ESTABLISHING THE REQUIREMENT THAT ALL GATED COMMUNITIES HAVE AN APPROVED EMERGENCY ACCESS GATE OPENING SYSTEM FOR PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR FILING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Lake County’s existing Land Development Regulations (“LDRs”) do not provide for uniformity in emergency public safety access for gated communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the platting of a residential subdivision as a gated community is a County granted privilege that runs with the land but is subject to forfeiture for failure to comply with emergency access requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, upon forfeiture of the privilege, the County may prohibit the closure of gates; and

**WHEREAS**, specific requirements and uniformity throughout the County is required to ensure emergency vehicle access to gated communities at all times; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board now finds it is in the best interests of the residents of Lake County to adopt this Ordinance amending the Lake County Code.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida, as follows:

**Section 1. Legal Findings of Fact.** The foregoing recitals are hereby adopted as legislative findings of the Board of County Commissioners and are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Ordinance upon adoption hereof.



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**Section 6.**     **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective as provided for by law.

Enacted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

Filed with the Secretary of State \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

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Gary J. Cooney, Clerk of the  
Board of County Commissioners  
of Lake County, Florida

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Kirby Smith, Chairman

This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

Approved as to form and legality:

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Melanie Marsh, County Attorney