

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT
AGENDA REPORT
December 15, 2015

Security

ITEM 6b

OPEN GATE POLICY

As a follow up to the discussion at the October meeting, the Board will discuss further whether or not to continue the current policy of allowing 'OPEN GATE ACCESS' for homeowners. If you missed the previous discussion the existing policy of prohibiting open gate access to renters was upheld and will continue.

The Open Gate policy serves the purpose of providing a convenience to homeowners having guests to a party or other gathering without having to deal with the process of providing a name list or having to take numerous and interrupting phone calls to the home while hosting their guests.

The potential downside would be in allowing carte blanche access to total strangers who might be coming in with the intent to cause trouble of some kind. Security doesn't see this as a trend with open gates for homeowners.

On the other hand, rental properties are prohibited in the City's code from having parties, weddings, receptions, corporate retreats, etc., so it only makes sense that renters should be restricted from such open gate privileges. Should a renter group want to invite several guests to the house then the renter can submit a name list. If the list is lengthy then that's a red flag to security that a party is in the works.

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TRANSPONDER ISSUANCE POLICY

The transponder stickers that are currently in use do not hold up forever. Being placed on the headlight makes them vulnerable to damage from the abuse of driving at high speeds, in bad weather, in off-road conditions, car washing, etc. Some owners come to us expecting to get a free replacement of a five year old sticker that has finally ceased working.

It's true that some stickers are defective and those should be replaced at no cost to the homeowners but security feels that the District should guarantee the stickers for a period of one year during which time the homeowner is eligible for a free replacement. After that time period the replacement would have to be paid for by the homeowner. The current cost of the stickers is about \$22 and the District sells them back to homeowners at \$25 with the excess going to cover the administration of the program. The cost to the District from 3M will gradually increase over time. When the program began in 2010 the cost to homeowners was \$20 and eventually it will be up to \$30 per sticker.

A free-replacement guarantee is appropriate and if the Board agrees with establishing such a policy then the only matter would be deciding on what would be an appropriate time period.