

**CITY OF ORONO  
HENNEPIN COUNTY,  
MINNESOTA  
ORDINANCE NO. 209,  
THIRD SERIES**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING  
THE CODE OF ORDINANCES  
PERTAINING TO GATES**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ORO-  
NO ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Section 78-1405  
Nonencroachments shall be  
amended by adding and deleting  
text to read as follows:

Sec. 78-1405. - Nonencroach-  
ments.

(a) The following shall not be  
considered to be encroachments  
on yard setback requirements:

(9) Entrance monuments, de-  
fined for the purpose of this section  
as a nearly permanent physical  
structure or object, natural or arti-  
ficial, used to depict an entrance to  
the property, erected in all residen-  
tial zoning districts are considered  
nonencroachments when they con-  
form with the following standards:

a. Each monument, with a maxi-  
mum of two per approved driveway  
access, shall be limited to a single  
pillar with a footprint measuring no  
larger than 25 square feet and no  
length to exceed five feet;

b. The monument must be set-  
back a minimum of five feet from  
all property boundaries and never  
fewer than ten feet from the edge  
of the paved, traveled roadway;

c. Plans and/or elevation views  
of the proposed monuments are re-  
quired to be submitted for approval  
by the planning director;

d. All signage proposed for the  
monuments must comply with sec-  
tion 78-1467;

e. The monuments are limited  
to eight feet in height including any  
appurtenances. Any monument ex-  
ceeding the maximum height must  
meet principal structure setback  
requirements;

f. When more than one monu-  
ment is proposed, and serving two  
or fewer residences,

a minimum horizontal width of  
16 feet is required between them;

g. When more than one mon-  
ument is proposed, and serving  
three or more residences, a mini-  
mum horizontal width of 22 feet is  
required between them;

h. Lighting is allowed, in confor-  
mance with section 78-1573 and  
at the discretion of the planning  
director.

i. A building permit is required  
for installation and the property  
corners must be located for inspec-  
tion purposes.

~~(10)i. Gates, When a gate is  
proposed, must meet the following  
requirements must be met:~~

a. 1. The gate must open into  
the property not outward towards  
the right-of-way, and

b. 2. Gates serving two or fewer  
residences shall have a minimum  
horizontal width of 14 feet in the full  
open position, and

c. 3. Gates serving three or more  
residences shall have a minimum  
horizontal width of 20 feet in the full  
open position, and

d. 4. For all properties, gate  
height may not exceed the height  
of the monument, measured from  
grade, unless principal structure  
setbacks are met (if monuments  
are not proposed then gate height  
shall be regulated in accordance  
with the fence height regulations of  
section 78-1405(8), and

~~5. Gates must maintain an opac-  
ity level of no greater than 25 per-  
cent, and~~

e. 6. For locked and/or secured  
gates a knox box, meeting the  
standards set forth by the police  
and fire department, must be pro-  
vided for emergency access, and

f. 7. On major thoroughfares  
the monuments and gates must  
be located 40 feet from the paved,  
traveled road to allow for vehicle  
stacking. A major thoroughfare for  
the purposes of this section means  
any county road or state highway.

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tion purposes.~~

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE:  
This ordinance shall take effect  
immediately upon its passage and  
publication.

ADOPTED this 11th day of June,  
2018 on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays  
by the City Council of Orono, Min-  
nesota.

ATTEST:

Anna Carlson,  
City Clerk

Dennis Walsh,  
Mayor

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