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Purpose

- 1 This policy establishes a consistent and equitable approach to requests for installation and maintenance of cattle guards and passes within road allowances controlled by Rocky View County (the County).



Policy Statement

- 2 The County installs and maintains cattle guards and passes in a consistent, fair manner.
- 3 This policy applies to cattle guards and passes installed on County controlled road allowances.



Policy

New Cattle Guards and Cattle Passes

- 4 The County accepts applications for installation of new cattle guards and passes.
- 5 The County reviews all applications for installation of new cattle guards and passes to ensure the proposed installation does not adversely affect the safety of the road or the travelling public using that road.
- 6 The County installs all cattle guards and passes. The applicant is responsible for all installation costs in accordance with the County's *Master Rates Bylaw*.
- 7 The cost of maintenance and repair of cattle guards and passes installed is the responsibility of the landowner utilizing the cattle guard or pass.

Existing Cattle Guards and Cattle Passes

- 8 The County removes cattle guards and passes that are no longer required and rehabilitates the road.
- 9 If a cattle guard or pass is still required, any persons who directly benefit from the placement of the cattle guard or pass must participate in a cost-sharing arrangement with the County for its regular maintenance and repair.
 - (1) Landowners who lease or rent their land to a person who benefits from the placement of a cattle guard or pass are responsible for the ongoing cost of maintenance and repair of the cattle guard or pass.
- 10 Cattle passes are deemed to be bridge structures by Alberta Transportation and strict regulations govern their inspection and maintenance. Repair costs for cattle passes may be significant.



References

Legal Authorities	• N/A
Related Plans, Bylaws, Policies, etc.	• Rocky View County <i>Master Rates Bylaw</i>
Related Procedures	• Rocky View County procedure C-423, <i>Cattle Guards and Passes</i>
Other	• Rocky View County, <i>County Servicing Standards</i> , adopted by resolution no. 188-13



Policy History

Amendment Date(s) – Amendment Description	• 2019 October 08 – Council amended – Updated format, removed required acknowledgement from landowner for leased and rented lands, removed limitation date in section 7
Review Date(s) – Review Outcome Description	• 2019 September 18 – Updates required to align with current practices and policy format



Definitions

11 In this policy:

- (1) “cattle guard” refers to a device placed in a road which allows vehicular traffic but safely restricts the passage of livestock;
- (2) “cattle pass” refers to an underpass structure below the surface of the road enabling livestock to cross from one field to another underneath the road;
- (3) “Council” means the duly elected Council of Rocky View County;
- (4) “County” means Rocky View County;
- (5) “*County Servicing Standards*” means the Rocky View County’s Servicing standards adopted by resolution 188-13, as amended or replaced from time to time;
- (6) “*Master Rates Bylaw*” means the Rocky View County bylaw known as the *Master Rates Bylaw*, as amended or replaced from time to time; and
- (7) “Rocky View County” means Rocky View County as a municipal corporation and the geographical area within its jurisdictional boundaries, as the context requires.