



# City of Huntington Beach

**File #:** 18-664

**MEETING DATE:** 1/22/2019

## REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

**SUBMITTED TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**SUBMITTED BY:** Fred A. Wilson, City Manager

**PREPARED BY:** David A. Segura, Fire Chief

**Subject:**

**Approve for introduction Ordinance No. 4171 amending the Huntington Beach Municipal Code (HBMC) by updating Chapter 17.56.200 related to emergency responder access to private property**

**Statement of Issue:**

The City Council is requested to approve introduction of the attached ordinance revising Municipal Code Chapter 17.56.200 relating to emergency responder access to private property.

**Financial Impact:**

Not applicable.

**Recommended Action:**

Approve for introduction Ordinance No. 4171, "An Ordinance of the City of Huntington Beach Amending Chapter 17.56.200 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code Regarding Security Gates."

**Alternative Action(s):**

Do not approve introduction of Ordinance No. 4171, and direct staff accordingly.

**Analysis:**

Huntington Beach Municipal Code Chapter 17.56.200 specifies the requirements for emergency responder access to private property. It includes lock box requirements, locations, configuration, access, etc.

The ordinance shown as Attachment 1 revises this section of the Municipal Code to require multi-family residential complexes to sub-master lock boxes for law enforcement access. This will allow police department personnel to gain entry to common areas, interior corridors, and other parts of these complexes in the event of an emergency. The existing code provides the same access for fire department personnel and the proposed update will allow access for police personnel.

A legislative draft showing the revisions to the Municipal Code is shown as Attachment 2.

**Environmental Status:**

None.

**Strategic Plan Goal:**

Enhance and maintain public safety

**Attachment(s):**

1. Ordinance No. 4171, "An Ordinance of the City of Huntington Beach Amending Chapter 17.56.200 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code Regarding Security Gates"
2. Legislative Draft Huntington Beach Municipal Code Chapter 17.56.200 - Ordinance No. 4171