ITEM SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: May 16, 2022

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SUBJECT: **Ordinance 2022-09, ZTA-22-06**
Click2Enter

BACKGROUND

The City of Greenacres has dozens of gated communities. When emergency responders receive a call from within a gated community, they currently enter the development through a Knox-box rapid entry system -- a locked box that contains an electronic key switch. The Knox-box system, which is manufactured by the Knox Corporation of Irvine, California, forces fire officers to get out of their vehicles, use the Knox-box key to open the gate and then lock the gate. At the time, this was the most advanced system available for first responders.

However, there is now available a remote-control system. Click2Enter does away with all of the cumbersome keys, access control codes, and remote-control actuators, because every emergency response vehicle and responder carry the key, their mobile or portable radio transceiver. Just a simple 'click' of the radio transmitter button is all that is required to open gates.

On May 2, 2022, City Council approved Ordinance 2022-09 on first reading with a vote of 5-0. At the request of the City Council, the ordinance was changed to require compliance within two (2) years with a one (1) year extension instead of three (3) years.

ANALYSIS

This is a city staff-initiated code change to provide more efficient and effective gate control devices for use by our first responders. The city currently requires Knox-box rapid entry which forces emergency responders to get out of their vehicles, use the Knox-box key, open the gate, and then lock the gate. There is now available a system which allows first responders to use their vehicle's radio to access the community's gate controls. By using this method in addition to the Knox-box rapid entry, it will:

1. Improve response times - No keys to find, codes to remember, or calls to dispatch required.

2. Allow mutual aid vehicles to access the community without having to wait for the key to be returned when the first vehicle answers an emergency call.

By requiring the Click2enter system when a new community is developed or when an established community refurbishes its gate, it is providing the community time to obtain the

revenue to pay for the new Click 2enter system which is estimated to cost approximately $1,200.00.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

N/A

LEGAL

Ordinance 2022-09 was prepared in accordance with all applicable state statutes and City Code Requirements.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approval of ZTA-22-06 through the adoption of Ordinance 2022-09.