

Seaview Estates: Gate or No Gate

Some members of the board of Seaview estates have proposed building a gate at the entrance of our community. We are a community of 72 lots or residences on the coast of Washington. Each community member has a vote when it comes to large expenditures. Some on the community board would like to propose the gate with a cost of \$20,000. The gate will help control the flow of traffic and save the grass on the side of the road from people turning around. The reasons to not support the building of the gate are: county permits, too complicated for tourist entering the community for their nightly rentals, traffic would back up onto HWY109, delivery drives would need to have the gate code to make their deliveries, and first responders would have to be granted access. This community houses mainly retirees and the elderly, first responders having quick access to those in need is crucial. A proposed alternative is to put up signs along the streets that state, "Do not drive on the grass." We can inform the nightly rentals of the grass rule when they reserve their rental, and include the rule in the instructions for the rental property. And we can post the grass rule on our website. In addition, we can have a bigger sign that states no beach access, no exit, and community members and guests only, and we can have the signs illuminated at night. This alternative would mitigate the expenditure of \$20,000 that would need to be raised by the residence to pay for the gate.