



EMMARENTIA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
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Request for Comment about Proposed Buffalo and Niger Road Closures in Emmarentia

Residents of Buffalo Road and Niger Road in Emmarentia have applied to the City of Johannesburg (COJ) for restricted access to their roads on the grounds of security concerns. COJ has approved this restricted access (see page 2 of this document) in Provincial Notice 833 of 2018 in the Provincial Gazette number 228, dated 15 August 2018.

However, this is subject to Emmarentia residents and any other person that uses these roads agreeing to this. COJ has authorised the Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA) to give effect to the restrictions and manage the consultative process in relations to these. Comments must be submitted on or before 15 September 2018.

ERA is managing the process of collecting comments from residents so please email info@emmarentia.co.za by **12 September 2018** so that we may consolidate the views expressed and submit a detailed response within the deadline.

Your feedback has to be taken into account by JRA and can influence its ability to give effect to the road closures. Should you have concerns, here are some factors that you may find informative:

- Some residents have already raised the public policy objection that roads are public spaces paid for from the communal coffer and cannot be treated as an extension of the private property of certain residents
- The purpose of road closures must be to enhance safety and security. In several cases, the road closures have not resulted in improved security
- Road closures have the potential to carve up our public spaces to the detriment of the rest of the suburb as well as those who like to visit the suburb
- The South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) generally does not support road closures as they cause social division, dysfunctional cities and lead to the further polarisation of our cities. It also found that road closures violate a number of Rights contained in South Africa's Bill of Rights. The SAHRC urges local authorities and communities to consider and exhaust

alternative access restrictions including guards and guard houses, traffic calming measures and closed-circuit television.

- Factors which the JRA must take in to account are:
 - the right to freedom of movement enshrined in the Bill of Rights
 - the impact on cars and pedestrians
 - the impact on community cohesion and the potential to cause conflict

PROVINCIAL NOTICE 833 OF 2018

CITY OF JOHANNESBURG

NOTICE OF INTENT FOR THE SECURITY ACCESS RESTRICTION OF Street/Road/Avenue for security reasons pending approval by the City of Johannesburg. (Notice in terms of Chapter 7 of the Rationalization of Government Affairs Act, 1998)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CITY OF JOHANNESBURG, Pursuant to the provision of Chapter 7 of the Rationalization of Government Affairs Act, 1998, HAS CONSIDERED AND APPROVED the following Security Access Restriction and Thereby authorised the Johannesburg Roads Agency to give effect to the said approval and Further manage the process and resultant administrative processes of the approval.

SPECIFIED RESTRICTIONS APPROVED:

Suburb	Applicant	Application Ref. No.	Road Name	Type of Restriction Relaxation Hours
Emmarentia	NB Security Trust	403	Buffalo Rd (Intersect Hill Rd)	24-hour manned • boom
Emmarentia	NB Security Trust	403	Niger Rd (Intersect Judith Rd)	Palisade gate • with limited hours of operation open 07:00 to 08:30 • and 16:00 to 18:30 weekdays. Gate to be left open during Pikitup refuse collection days. A separate pedestrian gate with 24 hour pedestrian access.
Emmarentia	NB Security Trust	403	Niger Rd (Intersect Umgeni Rd)	Palisade gate • with limited hours of operation open 07:00 to 08:30 • and 16:00 to 18:30 weekdays. A separate pedestrian gate with 24 hour pedestrian access.

The restriction will officially come into operation two months from the date of display in The Government Provincial Gazette and shall be valid for two years.

Further particulars relating to the application as well as a plan to indicating the proposed closure may be inspected during normal office hours at the JRA (PTY) Ltd offices, at the address below.

The public is duly advised that in terms of the City policy relating to these restrictions:

- No person/guard is permitted to deny any other person or vehicle access to or through any roads that are a subject of this approval.
- No person/guard is entitled to request or demand proof of identification or to sign any register as a condition to access to an area.
- All pedestrian gates should be left accessible (and not locked in any way) for 24/7
- Any violation to the conditions of approval (as detailed in the approval documents) for the permit will result in restriction permit being revoked.

Any person who has any comments on the conditions of approval in terms of the aforesaid restriction/s may lodge such comments in writing with the:-

Traffic Engineering Department
JRA (PTY) Ltd.
666 Sauer Street
Johannesburg

or

Traffic Engineering Department
JRA (PTY) Ltd.
Braamfontein X70
Braamfontein 2107

<https://archive.opengazettes.org.za/archive/ZA-GT/2018/provincial-gazette-ZA-GT-vol-24-no-228-dated-2018-08-15.pdf> (page 221)

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