

Emergency Access Key Lock Boxes
Ordinance No. 701
Adopted: October 6, 2008

An ordinance to require commercial and industrial structures in the Charter Township of Fenton to install an exterior key lock box in order to provide emergency access to such structures.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, COUNTY OF GENESEE, MICHIGAN,
ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Charter Township of Fenton by requiring that certain structures have key lock box installed on the exterior structure to aid the Fenton Township Fire Department in gaining access to the structure when responding to calls for emergency services.

SECTION 2. Definitions

The following terms shall, for purposes of this ordinance have the meanings stated below:

A. Commercial Structure

1. Any commercial or industrial structures protected by an automatic alarm system or automatic fire suppression system, or any such structures that are secured in a manner than restricts access during an emergency.
2. Any multi-family residential structures that have restricted access through locked doors and have a common corridor for access to the living units.
3. All governmental structures.
4. All nursing / assisted living facilities.

B. Fire Chief

The Fire Chief of the Charter Township of Fenton.

C. Township

The Charter Township of Fenton.

SECTION 3. Regulation

All Commercial Structures shall be subject to the following regulations:

- A. The Fire Chief shall designate the type of key lock box system to be implemented within the Township and shall have the authority to require all Commercial Structures to use the designated system.
- B. The Fire Chief shall be authorized to implement rules and regulations for the installation and use of the key lock box systems.
- C. The key lock box shall be located at a height of not less than four (4) feet and not more than six (6) feet above final grade with an unobstructed view from the entryway, and shall be connected to the N.F.P.A. 72A fire panel when provided.
- D. The owner or operator of a Commercial Structure shall, at all times, keep a key/access card in the lock box that will allow for emergency access to the structure.
- E. Any Commercial Structure constructed after the effective date of this Ordinance shall have the key lock box installed and operational prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit.

- F. Commercial Structures in existence as of the effective date of this Ordinance shall have a period of six (6) months from the effective date of this Ordinance to achieve compliance.

SECTION 4. Repeal

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. Penalty for Violation

Violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall hereafter constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) together with the cost of prosecution and/or imprisonment in the Genesee County Jail or such other place of detention as the court may prescribe for a period of time not to exceed ninety (90) days. Each week that a violation exists shall be considered a separate offense.

SECTION 6. Effective Date

This ordinance shall be published as required by law and shall become effective 30 days after its enactment and publication.

Enacted at a regular meeting of the Charter Township of Fenton Board of Trustees held on the 6th day of October 2008.

Bonnie Mathis, Supervisor

Robert Krug, Clerk