

An ordinance providing for the installation of Listed Rapid Entry Key Boxes, Security Padlocks, and Fire Sprinkler Security Connection Caps, for use by the Fire Department to gain access to a structure that pose a safety threat due to alarm or any other action as deemed necessary by the Fire Chief or his designee.

Whereas, many properties are equipped with automatic alarm systems and/or sprinkler/standpipe systems, and these automatic systems may cause the fire companies of the City of Byram Fire Department to be summoned at a time when the building or business is not occupied or when the occupant is not available to provide entry for the fire department; and

Whereas, the City of Byram wishes to prevent damage from forceful entry in to structures and provide swift entry into structures by the Fire Department; and

Whereas, the International Fire Code – 2006 edition, Section 506 provides that any Fire Department may require certain occupancies to maintain a Rapid Access system as prescribed by the Fire Department: the City of Byram Fire Department finds a need to establish such a Rapid Entry System for the City of Byram, and any areas covered by the City of Byram Fire Department,

Now, therefore, be it ordained by the Board of Alderman for the City of Byram, MS.

Section 1. Definitions:

FIRE OFFICIAL: The Fire Chief or his designee.

FIRE DISTRICT: The normal fire protection district both incorporated and unincorporated covered by the City of Byram Fire Department.

RESPONSIBLE PARTY: The person(s) charged with the responsibility for the occupancy, building or business owner.

KEY BOX: A UL "Listed" box, size and style, approved by the Fire Official that meets the requirements and uses the same security key code adopted by the Fire Department.

SECURITY PADLOCK: A padlock approved by the Fire Official that utilizes the approved key code utilized by the Fire Department.

SECURITY CAP: A Fire Department Connection (FDC) Plug and Cap approved for use in the City of City of Byram by the Fire Official utilizing 2 1/2" National Standard thread pattern.

AROUND THE CLOCK ATTENDENT: An onsite attendant of the property who has the ability to provide access for the fire department to all areas of the property 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, every calendar day.

Section 2. Application:

A) MANDATORY KEY BOXES FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION AND STANDPIPE SYSTEMS

When a building within the Fire District is protected by an automatic fire suppression and/or standpipe system, it shall be equipped with a Key Box, installed at a location approved by the Fire Official.

B) MANDATORY KEY BOXES FOR AUTOMATIC ALARM SYSTEMS

When a building is protected by an automatic alarm system and or access to or within a building, or an area within that building, is unduly difficult because of secured openings, and where immediate access is necessary for life saving or firefighting purposes, it shall be equipped with a Key Box, to be installed at a location approved by the Fire Official.

C) MANDATORY STORAGE CABINET

In Occupancies storing or dispensing Hazardous Materials (as stipulated in Chapter 27- Hazardous Materials- General Provisions, International Fire Code 2006 edition), a Hazardous Materials Cabinet may be required. This cabinet will serve to store MSDS and other information as required.

D) AUTOMATIC GATES

When a property is accessed through a gate or cross arm that impedes ingress through required Fire Lanes by means of a key or swipe card, it shall be equipped with a Key Switch to be installed at a location approved by the Fire Official.

E) SECURITY PADLOCK

When a property is protected by a locked fence or gate and where immediate access to the property is necessary for life saving and firefighting purposes, it shall be equipped with a Security Padlock to be installed at a location approved by the Fire Official. It shall then be the responsibility of the Responsible Party to see that the fence or gate is secured properly so that the Security Padlock is accessible.

F) CONSTRUCTION SITES

When a construction site is to be secured by a locked fence or gate, that site will fall under Section 2 Subsection E, during the duration of construction or until said fence or gate is removed. The Security Padlock will be obtained by placing a security deposit with the Planning and Zoning department for the City of Byram in an amount set to cover replacement of Security Padlock should it be lost or damaged. Once the deposit has been made, a Fire Official will come to the construction site and explain the use of the Security Padlock. It shall then be the responsibility of the construction company to see that the fence or gate is secured properly so that the Security Padlock is accessible.

G) SECURITY OF FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTIONS

When a building is protected by an automatic sprinkler and/or standpipe system and the fire department connection is exposed to vandalism, the Fire Official may require that a Security Cap be installed.

H) NON-APPLICABILITY TO PARTICULAR DWELLINGS

This ordinance shall not apply to owner occupied one and two family dwellings. Owners of single and two family occupancies are encouraged to participate voluntarily utilizing a Residential Security Box.

I) KEY BOX CONTENTS

The Key Boxes shall contain, but not be limited to the following items as designated by the Fire Official.

- 1) Labeled Keys to locked points of egress, whether in interior or exterior of such buildings.
- 2) Labeled Keys to the locked mechanical rooms.
- 3) Labeled Keys to any fence or secured areas not covered in Section 2, Subsections D, E, or F.
- 4) Labeled Keys to any other areas that may be required by the Fire Official.
- 5) A card containing the emergency contact people and phone numbers for each occupancy.
- 6) Floor plans of the rooms within the building may also be required, showing locations of shut offs.
- 7) Hazardous Materials MSDS as required.

J) ALERT DECALS

Alert Decals, approved by the Fire Official, to alert fire companies of the presence of security features covered by this ordinance, will be displayed on any outside doors or windows as designated by the Fire Official.

K) COMPLIANCE

All newly constructed buildings, (approved for construction following adoption of this ordinance), not yet occupied or builds currently under construction and all buildings or businesses applying for a certificate of occupancy, and/or building permits will be required to comply with this ordinance. The cost of purchasing and installing, along with any cost associated with implementation of the program at a specific property, will be borne by the Responsible Party.

L) NON COMPLIANCE

Non-compliance with this ordinance will subject the Responsible Party to Citation and mandatory appearance in Municipal Court. Continued non-compliance may result in revocation of Certificate of Occupancy by Building Official.

M) RETURN OF KEYS

Four (4) months following passage of this ordinance, all keys currently in possession of the Fire Department will be returned to the Responsible Party.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Article shall be effective thirty (30) days from and after the date of its adoption.

THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE, having been reduced to writing,

Alderman Alday moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

Alderman White seconded.

The vote was as follows:

Alderman Alday voted: yea

Alderman Douglas voted: yea

Alderman Ford voted: nay

Alderman Marble voted: yea

Alderman White voted: yea

Whereupon the Mayor declared the Motion carried and the Ordinance approved and adopted.

SO ORDAINED, THIS THE 23 DAY OF February 2012.

CITY OF BYRAM

Signed/By: Nick Tremonte, Mayor

ATTEST:Signed/By: Angela Richburg, City Clerk

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the aforementioned Ordinance was adopted at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Byram, Mississippi, held on February 23, 2012, and duly recorded in Minute Book 2 Page 623 thereof.

Angela Richburg, City Clerk
CITY CLERK

Signed _____