

ORDINANCE NO. 542

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING MUNICIPAL CODE 14.13

The Common Council of Nekoosa, Wisconsin does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 14.13 “Knox-Box Rapid Entry Key Lock Box System” is hereby created to read:

14.13 **Knox-Box Rapid Entry Key Lock Box System.**

14.13(1) **Structures.** The following structures shall be equipped with a Knox-Box rapid entry key lock box at an accessible location near the main entrance of the structure or at such location approved by the fire chief:

- (a) All new commercial and industrial buildings, and all new multi-family residential structures, including senior citizen apartments/condo complexes that have restricted access through locked doors and have a common corridor for access to the living units.
- (b) All commercial and industrial buildings, and all multi-family residential structures, including senior citizen apartments/condo complexes, that have restricted access through locked doors and have a common corridor for access to other units, in which there is a change of ownership of the property subsequent to the effective date of this ordinance.
- (c) Exception: any building or structure having on-site 24-hour security personnel may be exempt from the requirements of this section at the discretion of the fire chief.

14.13(2) **New Construction.** All new construction subject to this section shall have the rapid entry key lock box installed and operational prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy.

14.13(3) **Other Structures.** All other structures in existence on the effective date of this section and subject to this section shall have three (3) months from the recording date on the instrument of conveyance or the date of actual occupancy, whichever occurs first, to have the rapid entry key lock box installed and operational.

14.13(4) **Authorization.** The fire chief shall be authorized to implement rules and regulations for the use of the rapid entry key lock box system.

14.13(5) **Owners/Operators.** The owner or operator of a structure required to have a rapid entry key lock box shall, at all times, keep keys for the following:

- (a) The main entrance door. Mixed occupancies and strip shopping center keys shall be provided only for occupancies where system control valves or fire alarm system panels exists.
- (b) Alarm room (if one exists).
- (c) Mechanical rooms and sprinkler control rooms.
- (d) Fire alarm control panel.
- (e) Electrical rooms.
- (f) Special keys to rest pull-stations or other fire protection devices.
- (g) Elevator keys, if required (four stories or more).
- (h) All other rooms as specified during the plans review process.

These keys are to be marked and identified in a manner approved by the fire chief.

14.13(6) **Penalty.** Any person who shall violate any provision of this chapter shall be subject to a penalty as provided in sec. 25.04 of this Code.

14.13(6) **Severability.** If any provision of this ordinance is adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this ordinance.

Passed and adopted this 12th day of February, 2008.

APPROVED:

Gordon G. Freeman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joseph M. Rusch II, City Clerk

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