

**BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH
NO. 2010/17**

**ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD,
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING
CHAPTER 8.48 (UNIFORM FIRE SAFETY) OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold find that in order to protect the property and welfare of businesses, business patrons and fire company members within the Borough of Freehold, a uniform system for rapid entry into certain buildings in the event of a report of a fire emergency is required.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED as follows:

SECTION 1

Chapter 8.48 (Uniform Fire Safety) shall be amended and supplemented to add section **8.48.130** as follows:

Chapter 8.48.130 Rapid Entry Box System

8.48.130 A. Definitions and Applicability

1. "Rapid Entry Box System" shall mean a locking, vault-like container permanently mounted into the affected structure or building and accessible from outside of such structure or building, which rapid entry box must be able to be opened through the central lock system and is approved by the Fire Official. The rapid entry box will contain a key(s) that will allow for full entrance into all parts of the structure or building for life-saving or fire-fighting purposes.

2. Applicability. The following structures or buildings in the Borough of Freehold shall be required to have installed a rapid entry box system:

a. All commercial structures, buildings, multi-family dwellings which utilize a fire alarm system or fire alarm device that sends a fire alarm signal either to a local alarm or a monitoring service.

b. All commercial buildings or structures that are protected by a fire sprinkler system.

c. Exemption: Any building or structure that is staffed 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

8.48.130 B. Type of rapid entry box required.

Each affected building or structure shall cause an appropriate rapid entry box to be mounted permanently into the structure or building and accessible from outside the structure or building. Each rapid entry box shall be of sufficient size and configuration to allow the required contents as set forth in this article to be stored therein conveniently. In order to assure acceptability of the rapid entry box chosen, each owner, tenant or other responsible party of each affected structure or building shall receive approval from the Fire Official as to the size and configuration of the proposed rapid entry box.

8.48.130 C. Location of rapid entry box.

The rapid entry box must be located on the outside of the building or structure and must be, to the extent possible, uniform among similar type structures in order to promote quick accessibility upon the arrival of fire personnel at the scene of an emergency. Given differing structural characteristics of different types of structures and buildings, the location of the rapid entry box on the exterior of each building or structure shall be submitted to and approved by the Fire Official.

8.48.130 D. Required contents of the rapid entry box.

The rapid entry box for each building or structure shall contain a separately and clearly labeled key for each locked area within the building or structure (for example, and not by way of limitation, boiler rooms, electrical rooms, sprinkler control rooms, elevator control rooms, etc.), sprinkler keys and information concerning any hazardous materials contained within the building or structure, and a clear indication as to the part of the building or structure within which such hazardous materials are contained.

SECTION 2

All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3

If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to that section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged, and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed to be valid and effective.

SECTION 4

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication in accordance with law.

Offered By: Shutzer

Seconded By: DiBenedetto

Roll Call:

Ayes: DiBenedetto, Kane, Newman, Schnurr, Shutzer, Sims

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ordinance #2010/17 was introduced at a meeting of the Freehold Borough Council in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey, held on November 1, 2010 and passed on first reading and that such Ordinance will be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a meeting of said Mayor and Council to be held at the Municipal Building in said Borough on November 15, 2010 at 7:00 PM or at any meeting to which that meeting may be adjourned, at which time all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard.

TRACI L. DI BENEDETTO

BOROUGH CLERK