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Sec. 13-39. - Purpose.

Experience shows that when a fire occurs in a building, the Warren Fire Department is faced with entry into the structure to locate, confine control and extinguish the fire. In many cases entry into the structure must be made by force, which is time consuming and demands extra energy to be exerted by fire fighting personnel. In order to expedite entry into the building and to aid the fire department responding, the installation and use of a key box may be required.

(Ord. No. 80-466, § 5, 9-13-94; Ord. No. 80-590, § 1, 11-12-02)

Sec. 13-40. - Key boxes required.

- (a) *Requirement.* In addition to the provisions of Section 506 of the International Fire Code, a key box approved by the fire prevention division of the city fire department shall be installed and maintained on all buildings, except that a key box is not required for any building that the Michigan Residential Construction Code applies to.
- (b) *Issuance of a certificate of compliance.* No certificate of compliance shall be issued to any building required to have a key box, as set forth in subsection (a), until it is demonstrated that a key box approved by the fire prevention division of the city fire department, has been installed as required by this article.

(Ord. No. 80-466, § 5, 9-13-94; Ord. No. 80-524, § 4, 11-12-97; Ord. No. 80-590, § 1, 11-12-02; Ord. No. 80-704, § 3, 6-26-12)

Sec. 13-41. - Location of key boxes.

The location of the key box shall be approved by the fire prevention division of the city fire department. The fire department code official shall use one (1) or more of the following criteria to approve the location of the key box:

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- (a) The key box may be located at or near the recognized public entrance.
- (b) The key box may be located adjacent to the alarm enunciator panel.
- (c) When the occupancy is serviced by a fire sprinkler system, the key box may be located above the fire department connection.
- (d) The key box shall be connected to the N.F.P.A. 72A Fire Alarm Control Panel when provided. Wiring for the connection shall be supervised as required by N.F.P.A. 72A. The key box shall be connected in such a manner that tampering or opening of the box shall produce a supervisory signal.

(Ord. No. 80-466, § 5, 9-13-94; Ord. No. 80-590, § 1, 11-12-02; Ord. No. 80-704, § 4, 6-26-12)

Sec. 13-42. - Key box contents.

The key box shall contain keys that are labeled and identified as follows:

- (a) The main entrance door, except that main entrance keys are only required for mixed occupancy and strip shopping centers where there is a system control valve or a fire alarm system panel;
- (b) The alarm room;
- (c) All mechanical rooms and sprinkler control rooms;
- (d) The fire alarm control panel;
- (e) The electrical rooms;
- (f) Any special keys to reset pull-stations or other fire protective devices;
- (g) The fire department elevator keys;
- (h) Any other rooms that are specified by the Fire Prevention Division of the Warren Fire Department.

(Ord. No. 80-466, § 5, 9-13-94; Ord. No. 80-590, § 1, 11-12-02)

Sec. 13-43. - Compliance.

All new or remodeled structures must comply with the requirements of this article prior to occupancy. Required approvals and specifications shall be obtained during the plan review process.

(Ord. No. 80-466, § 5, 9-13-94; Ord. No. 80-590, § 1, 11-12-02; Ord. No. 80-704, § 5, 6-26-12)

Sec. 13-44. - Applications.

Application for a key box shall be made on forms provided by the Fire Prevention Division of the Warren Fire Department. Applications may be obtained from the Fire Prevention Division.

(Ord. No. 80-466, § 5, 9-13-94; Ord. No. 80-590, § 1, 11-12-02)

Sec. 13-45. - Reserved.

Editor's note—

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Ord. No. 80-704, § 6, adopted June 26, 2012, repealed [§ 13-45](#) which pertained to key box installation and derived from Ord. No. 80-466, § 5, adopted Sept. 13, 1994; and Ord. No. 80-590, § 1, adopted Nov. 12, 2003.

Sec. 13-46. - Penalty.

The violation of any provision of Division 4 of Article II is a municipal civil infraction which shall result in the assessment of a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per violation, plus costs and other sanctions for each infraction.

(Ord. No. 80-527, § 11, 1-13-98)

Secs. 13-47—13-50. - Reserved.

FOOTNOTE(S):

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Editor's note— Ord. No. 80-590, § 1, adopted Nov. 12, 2002, amended the title of Div. 4 to read as herein set out. ([Back](#))