

TOWN OF FARMINGTON
EMERGENCY SERVICES ACCESS TO BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY

Because of the possibility of the unknown reason for alarms being activated and to avoid unnecessary damage to property, Fire Department Personnel should have normal access to certain buildings protected by Automatic Sprinklers and or Audible Heat and Smoke Sensors (whether connected to an Alarm Company or not). It is the intent of this Document to provide this access while still protecting the integrity of the property.

BUILDING/PROPERTY ACCESS:

All newly constructed buildings except one and two family homes, without 24-hour 7 days a week access shall have a Knox Box building key security system installed on the exterior of said building. Building plans will not be approved by the Fire Chief if this provision is not included in the plans for construction.

The Fire Chief shall have discretion as to the need and placement of a Knox Box on existing buildings (EXAMPLE, if a building/property should have two Alarm Malfunctions/False Alarms or a combination of these in a given year, the Fire Chief and property owner/manager shall discuss the need for a Knox Box System installation). If an arrangement cannot be agreed upon, any additional Malfunction/False Alarms or combination of these will result in a monetary assessment payable to the Town of Farmington for not less than \$400.00. Exceptions are one and two family homes, which do not require Knox Boxes.

Cost of this Knox Box shall be the burden of the building owner/occupant.

Placement of the Knox Box shall be as close to the Main Entrance as practical and will not be obstructed from view.

This container shall contain all keys and or Security Codes necessary for Fire Personnel to gain access to the building and any area deemed a "high risk" area by the Authority Having Jurisdiction.

These keys and codes shall be kept up to date by the owner/occupant and reviewed by the Fire Department yearly.

Only the Fire Department shall have access to the Knox Box to allow for greater security of the property.

Information and application to the Knox Box Company may be obtained from the Fire Chief. The application may only be obtained and signed by the Fire Chief or his/her designee.

The Owner/Manager shall provide the Franklin County Communication Center with a current list of contact names and applicable telephone numbers for Alarm Notification. This list should be kept updated at all times by the above named Owner/Manager.

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