

TOWNSHIP OF LUMBERTON

ORDINANCE 2015-09-012

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 152 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED “FIRE PREVENTION” TO INCORPORATE PROVISIONS FOR KEY LOCK BOXES

WHEREAS, Chapter 152, Fire Prevention, of the Township Code governs the establishment and authority of the Bureau of Fire Prevention in the Township of Lumberton; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee wishes to make certain amendments and supplements to Chapter 152 in order for the Code to reflect provisions that would require Key Lock Boxes in certain structures within the boundaries of the Township of Lumberton.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Township Committee of Lumberton, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that Chapter 152 of the Code of the Township of Lumberton be and is hereby amended to make the following deletions, amendments and renumbering to be consistent with the Preamble to this Ordinances which is incorporated herein.

SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 152

Chapter 152 of the Township Code is amended as follows:

152-1. “Local Enforcement” [no change]

152-2. “Local Enforcing Agency Designated” [no change]

152-3. “Duties of Local Enforcing Agency” [no change]

152-4. “Inspection of Life Hazard Uses” [no change]

152-5. “Supervision and Control” [no change]

152-6. “Appointment of Fire Official” – strike out and remove “...from among a list of three recommendations provided by the Chief of the Fire Department.”

152-7. “Term of Office of Fire Official” [no change]

152-8. “Appointment of Inspectors and Employees” strike out and remove “...Chief of the Fire Department,” and replace with “Fire Official.”

152-9. “Removal from Office” [no change]

152-10. “Board of Appeals” [no change]

152-11. “Fees, Registration and Permits” [no change]

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 152

A new article is created titled Provisions for Key Lock Boxes which consists of Sections 152-12 to 152-21 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Article II: Provisions for Key Lock Boxes

152-12 Key Lock Box System Required

- A. The following premises shall be equipped with a key lock box at or near the main entrance or such other location required by the Fire Official (exceptions: owner-occupied one- and two-family dwellings as defined in the Uniform Construction Code):

1. Premises protected by an automatic fire alarm system, automatic fire-suppression system, and/or standpipe system;
 2. Premises equipped with an elevator;
 3. Premises, as determined by the Fire Official, secured in a manner that restricts access during an emergency;
 4. Premises that are required to prepare and have available material safety data sheets and/or hazardous chemical inventory forms under the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA Title III); and
- B. All newly constructed structures subject to this article shall have the key lock box installed and operational prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit. All structures for which certificates of occupancy have been issued as of the effective date of this article and subject to this article shall have a key lock box installed and operational within twelve months of the effective date of this ordinance.
- C. The Fire Official shall designate the type of key lock box system to be implemented within the Township and shall have the authority to require all structures to use the designated system.

152-13 Lock Box Type and Contents

The Fire Official shall approve the type of key lock box and its location prior to installation. The key lock box, at a minimum, shall contain two sets of keys and combination access codes shall be provided to the following areas:

- A. Locked points of egress, whether in interior or exterior of such buildings;
- B. Mechanical and boiler rooms;
- C. Rooms containing fire-protection equipment, sprinkler controls and fire alarm components;
- D. All locked fire-protection devices that require restoring;
- E. Elevator control rooms;
- F. Any fenced or secured areas; and
- G. Any other areas difficult to access as determined by the Fire Official.

128-14 Security Padlocks and Key Switches

Premises protected by fences, gates and related barriers presently secured by a padlock, electronically operated or automatic gates, or other control circuits that control access to the premises shall be equipped with a high-security padlock or emergency override control device (key switch) that is master-keyed at a location approved by the Fire Official.

152-15 Security Caps for Fire Department Connections

- A. When a building is protected by an automatic sprinkler system or standpipe system and the Fire Department connection(s) is exposed to undue vandalism, the Fire Official may require that a Fire Department connection security cap(s) be installed. The Fire Department connection security cap shall be a type approved by the Fire Official.
- B. All structures subject to this provision shall have, in addition to a key lock box system, locking Fire Department connection caps installed and operational prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy or within the time frame set forth regarding time for compliance under this article.

152-16 Time for Compliance

All existing buildings shall comply with this article as set forth in 152-12B. All newly constructed buildings not yet occupied or buildings currently under construction and all buildings or businesses applying for a certificate of occupancy shall comply prior to obtaining a certificate of occupancy.

152-17 Rules and Regulations

The Fire Official shall be authorized to implement rules and regulations for the use of the lock box system.

152-18 Violations and Penalties

Any person or entity violating any provision of this article shall, after receiving notice from the Fire Official and upon conviction, be subject to a penalty as set forth in the Uniform Fire Code.

152-19 New Plans Submitted to Land Development Board

The lock box system shall be on all new plans submitted to the Land Development Board in support of an application for a proposed building to the extent such a building falls into the categories set forth in 152-12 of this article.

SECTION 3. REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

- A. Repealer. Any and all Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.
- B. Severability. In the event that any clause, section, paragraph or sentence of this Ordinance is deemed to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, then the Township Committee hereby declares its intent that the balance of the Ordinance not affected by said invalidity shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that it allows the Township to meet the goals of the Ordinance.
- C. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon proper passage in accordance with the law.

LUMBERTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

ACTION ON INTRODUCTION: September 8th, 2015

Motion made by: Committeeman Mansdoerfer
Motion seconded by: Committeeman Dinneen

VOTE:

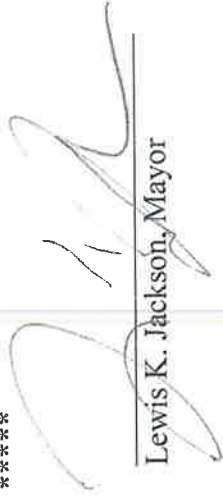
Committeeman Conway:	<u>Yes</u>	No	Abstain	Not Present
Committeeman Dinneen:	<u>Yes</u>	No	Abstain	Not Present
Committeeman Earlen:	Yes	No	Abstain	<u>Not Present</u>
Committeeman Mansdoerfer:	<u>Yes</u>	No	Abstain	Not Present
Mayor Jackson:	<u>Yes</u>	No	Abstain	Not Present

ACTION ON ADOPTION (after public hearing) September 22nd, 2015

Motion made by: Committeeman Mansdoerfer
Motion seconded by: Committeeman Conway

VOTE:

Committeeman Conway:	<u>Yes</u>	No	Abstain	Not Present
Committeeman Dinneen:	<u>Yes</u>	No	Abstain	Not Present
Committeeman Earlen:	<u>Yes</u>	No	Abstain	Not Present
Committeeman Mansdoerfer:	<u>Yes</u>	No	Abstain	Not Present
Mayor Jackson:	<u>Yes</u>	No	Abstain	Not Present



Lewis K. Jackson, Mayor

Attest:


Brandon E. Umba
Township Administrator/Deputy Municipal Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of the ordinance that was introduced after first reading at a meeting of the Lumberton Township Committee held on September 8, 2015 and adopted after a public hearing at a meeting of the Lumberton Township Committee held on September 22nd, 2015.


Brandon E. Umba
Township Administrator/Deputy Municipal Clerk

Introduced: September 8th, 2015
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