

OHIO TOWNSHIP

ORDINANCE NO. 220

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OHIO REQUIRING THE INSTALLATION OF KEY BOXES ON PROPERTIES PROTECTED BY AUTOMATIC ALARM SYSTEMS OR SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WITHIN OHIO TOWNSHIP, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Township Code, at Section 112-5.B requires certain structures to be equipped with water sprinkler systems; and;

WHEREAS, the aforesaid sprinkler systems, and accompanying automatic alarm systems, may cause the fire companies of the Township of Ohio to be summoned at times when a structure is not occupied or when the occupant is not able to provide ingress for the fire departments;

WHEREAS, it is desirable to prevent damage through forceful entry to structures and to provide swift entry into structures by the fire departments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township of Ohio, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION 1. Key box requirement. All properties within the Township of Ohio having an automatic fire alarm system or a fire sprinkler system shall be equipped with a key box. Residential property which is less than 5,000 square feet shall be exempt from this requirement.

SECTION 2. Key box type. The key box shall be of UL type and approved by the Ohio Township Fire Marshall. The key box shall be installed in a location approved by the Ohio Township Fire Marshall.

SECTION 3. Key box contents. The key boxes shall contain the following:

- a. Keys to locked points of egress, whether on the interior or exterior of such buildings;
- b. Keys to locked mechanical equipment rooms;
- c. Keys to locked electrical rooms;
- d. Keys to elevator controls;
- e. Keys to other areas as directed by the Township Fire Marshall.

SECTION 4. Time for compliance. All existing buildings shall comply within twelve (12) months of the effective date of this ordinance. All newly constructed buildings, not yet occupied, or buildings currently under construction shall comply immediately.

SECTION 5. Penalties. Any building owner violating this ordinance after notice from the Ohio Township Fire Marshall shall be subject to a fine of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars.

SECTION 6. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect after second reading and publication as required by law.

ORDAINED and ENACTED this 14 day of JULY, 1997.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF OHIO

John L. Sullivan Jr.  
Township Secretary

By: George B. White  
Chairman  
Board of Supervisors