

ORDINANCE # 361

KNOX BOX

The Village Board of the Village of Lomira, Wisconsin, hereby ordains as follows:

Section 12-5 of the Lomira Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

12-5 KNOX BOX REQUIRED. 1. The following structures shall be equipped with a Knox Box installed on the address side of the building or such other location as approved by the Fire Chief:

(A) Commercial or Industrial structures protected by an automatic alarm system or automatic suppression system, or such structures that are secured in a manner that restricts access during an emergency.

(B) Multifamily residential structures that have restricted access through locked doors and/or have a common corridor for access to the living unit.

(C) Governmental structures and nursing care facilities.

(D) All public and private educational facilities.

2. All newly constructed structures subject to the section shall have a Knox Box installed on the address side of the building unless authorized by the Fire Chief and be operational prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit. All structures in existence on the effective date of this ordinance and subject to this section shall ~~have one year from the effective date of this section to have a Knox Box installed and operational at the time of remodel/reconstruction in which any exterior wall is altered.~~
3. The owner or operator of a structure required to have a Knox Box shall, at all times, keep keys in the box that will allow access to the building. Additional keys may be required, as determined by the Fire Chief. Examples might be locked mechanical rooms, elevator controls, or rooms containing fire control systems.
4. Each key shall be legibly labeled to indicate the lock that it opens in such a manner as is approved by the Fire Chief.
5. The Fire Chief or his designee shall be authorized to implement rules and regulations for the use of the Knox Box system.
6. Knox Box Exceptions: A Knox Box shall not be required for the following:
 - (A) Single family and two-family dwellings.
 - (B) Any building for which a staff person is required to be on site at all times, provided that such staff person possesses necessary keys, and the ability to access all areas of the building.
7. The Village of Lomira will designate a Knox Box system to be implemented within the Village and shall have authority to require such designated system on all required buildings.
8. Penalty: Any person who owns or operates a structure subject to this section shall be subject to penalties per fire inspection and for any violation of this Code, provided the minimum fine for the violation shall be \$700.00.

Moved by Tr. _____, seconded by Tr. _____,

to adopt Ordinance #361 as presented and be effective immediately.

Roll call showed the following results: Ayes: _____

Nays: _____ Absent: _____

Motion carried.

Passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Signed: _____

Donald Luedtke
Village President

Attest: _____

Jenna Rhein
Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer