



City of Barberton

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Fire Department

City of Barberton Ordinance requires every commercial building to install a Rapid Entry Key System:

1604.17 RAPID ENTRY KEY LOCK BOXES REQUIRED

- (a) The following structures shall be equipped with a rapid entry key lock system, manufactured by Knox-Box Rapid Entry System or a system approved by the Chief of Fire, at an accessible location near the main entrance of the structure or at a location approved by the Fire Marshal:
 - (1) All buildings in the City of Barberton having an automatic alarm system or equipped with an automatic fire suppression system, except one-, two-, and three-family owner-occupied dwellings;
 - (2) Multi-family residential structures, including senior citizen apartment/condo complexes, that have restricted access through locked doors and have a common corridor for access to living units;
 - (3) All high rise buildings i.e. structures having floors at or above 50 feet above ground level;
 - (4) Commercial and industrial buildings identified by fire officials as difficult to access during emergencies; and
 - (5) All complexes containing multiple businesses (such as plazas, strip malls, etc.) shall be required to have a minimum of one lock box containing keys for every business.
- (b) All new construction subject to this section shall have the rapid entry lock box installed and operational prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy.
- (c) All structures in existence on the effective date of this section shall have a rapid entry key lock box installed whenever a building permit is issued or two years from the effective date.
- (d) The Fire Division shall be authorized to implement rules and regulations for the rapid entry key lock box system.
- (e) The owner or operator of a structure required to have a rapid entry key box shall, at all times, keep a key or keys in the box that will allow for complete and unobstructed access to the structure and all out buildings associated with the structure. These keys are to be marked and identified in a manner approved by the Fire Marshal.
- (f) Any person who owns or operates a structure subject to this section shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Section 1604.99. (Ord. 64-2010. Passed 6-14-10)

1604.99 PENALTY.

- (a) Whoever violates any of the provisions of the Ohio Fire Code or the National Fire Codes herein adopted or fails to comply therewith, or violates or fails to comply with any order made thereunder, or builds in violation of any detailed statement of specifications or plans submitted and approved thereunder or any certificate or permit issued thereunder, and from which no appeal has been taken, or fails to comply with such an order as affirmed or modified by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall severally for each and every such violation and noncompliance respectively, be found guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree. The imposition of one penalty for any violation shall not excuse the violation or permit it to continue, and all such persons shall be required to correct or remedy such violations or defects within a reasonable time. When not otherwise specified, each ten days that prohibited conditions are maintained shall constitute a separate offense.
- (b) The application of the above penalty shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions.

Please use one of two methods to order a Rapid Entry Key Box

1. Obtain an Application from the Fire Department
2. Order the Key Box on line

To Order a Knox Box on Line

- Go to: Knox Box - <http://www.knoxbox.com/>
- Select: Buy Now (Upper Right Hand of Screen)
- Select Product (3200 Series most popular)
- Type in Zip Code 44203
- Select – Barberton Fire Department
- Select – “Proceed with Pre-Authorized Order” (Green Square)
- Select Model (3201 most popular, scroll to bottom of screen)
- Fill out required fields
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Any Questions Call 330-848-6733

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