

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE KNOX BOXES AT COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, the Deadwood City Commission has determined that an ordinance is necessary to require all commercial buildings to install Knox Boxes, and;

WHEREAS, the benefits of installing Knox Boxes include providing immediate emergency access to firefighters leading to increasing Fire Department efficiency; preventing costly forced entry damage and allowing undamaged doors to be re-secured after the emergency; and protecting property, inventory, equipment and supplies as well as firefighters against possible injuries.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Deadwood City Commission that a new Chapter 8.01 be created in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Deadwood, under Title 8, Health and Safety, as follows:

8.01 Knox Boxes.

- A. **Knox Box Required for New Commercial Buildings.** All new commercial buildings shall have installed a Knox Box, of a UL type and size approved by the City Fire Official, in a location specified by the City Fire Official prior to the issuance of the permit of occupancy.
- B. **Knox Box Required for Existing Commercial Buildings.** All existing commercial buildings equipped with automatic fire detection and/or suppression system shall have installed a Knox Box, of a UL type and size approved by the City Fire Official, in a location specified by the City Fire Official within six (6) months of the effective date of this Ordinance.
- C. **Knox Box Required for Multi-Family Residential Structures.** All multi-family residential structures that have restricted access through locked doors and have a common corridor for access to the living units shall have installed a Knox Box, of a UL type and size

approved by the City Fire Official, in a location specified by the City Fire Official within six (6) months of the effective date of this Ordinance.

D. **Knox Box Contents.** All Knox Boxes shall contain labeled keys, easily identified in the field to provide access into the property and/or building, and to any locked areas within the said building as the City Fire Official may direct. However, no keys shall be provided to allow access to any area in a licensed gaming establishment where access is regulated by South Dakota Commission on Gaming rules and regulations.

E. **Penalties.** Any violation of the provisions of this Title is a Class 2 misdemeanor punishable by the maximum punishment set forth by the laws of the state of South Dakota pursuant to SDCL 22-6-2. Said punishment may also include payment of any costs and/or restitution authorized by this Title and/or state law.

E. **Definitions.** “Knox Box” means a secure rapid entry system that is designed to be used by Emergency Personnel in the event of an emergency to gain entry into a structure by using the enclosed owner provided key(s). This box is usually mounted on the exterior of the building in a location that is specified by the local Fire Official. All boxes shall be UL (Underwriters Laboratories) certified and approved by the City Fire Official.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2014.

CITY OF DEADWOOD

/s/ Charles Turbiville, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Jo Nelson, Finance Officer

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