



ORDINANCE 918

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING STRUCTURES TO HAVE A KEY LOCK BOX INSTALLED ON THE EXTERIOR OF THE STRUCTURE FOR FIRE SAFETY PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have determined that the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Rexburg are promoted by requiring certain structures to have a key lock box installed on the exterior of the structure to aid the Rexburg-Madison County Emergency Services in gaining access to the structure when responding to calls for emergency service; and

WHEREAS, the automatic systems may cause the fire department to be summoned at a time when the building or business is not occupied or when the occupant is not able to provide entry for the fire department; and

WHEREAS, the key lock box system will eliminate forced entries into structures thereby avoiding costly and time-consuming efforts in gaining access to locked structures during an emergency;

NOW BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Rexburg, Idaho:

SECTION I: Ordinance 873 is hereby amended to allow for the provision of 2000 International Fire Code Section 506.1, 506.1.1, and 506.2.

Key Lock Box System

- (a) The following structures shall be equipped with a key lock box at or near the main entrance or such other location required by the fire chief.
- (1) 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;
 - (2) multi-family residential structures that have restricted access through locked doors and have a common corridor for access to the living units;
 - (3) governmental structures and nursing care facilities.
- (b) The key lock box shall be located:
- (1) at or near the recognized public entrance, adjacent to the fire annunciator panel, on the exterior of the structure, or above the Fire Department Connection, when occupancy is serviced by fire sprinkler system and/or fire alarm system approved by the Rexburg-Madison County Emergency Services Department;
 - (2) the lock box shall be located at a height of not less than five (5) feet and not more than ten (10) feet above final grade;
 - (3) no steps, displays, signs or other fixtures, or structure protrusions shall be located under the box which would allow intruders to access the box without assistance.

- (c) All newly constructed structures subject to this section shall have the key lock box installed and operational prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit. All structures in existence on the effective date of this section and subject to this section shall have one year from the effective date of this section to have a key lock box installed and operational.
- (d) The fire chief shall designate the type of key lock box system to be implemented within the city and shall have the authority to require all structures to use the designated system.
- (e) The owner or operator of a structure required to have a key lock box shall, at all times, keep a key in the lock box that will allow for access to the structure.
- (f) The fire chief shall be authorized to implement rules and regulations for the use of the lock box system.
- (g) Any person who owns or operates a structure subject to this section shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Ordinance 873 Section V for any violation of this section.

SECTION II: This Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage, approval and publication in the manner provided by law on March 17, 2004.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this 17th day of March, 2004.

Shawn Larsen, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Blair D. Kay, City Clerk

