

Chapter 186

RAPID ENTRY SYSTEMS

GENERAL REFERENCES

Fire Department — See Ch. 28.

Construction codes — See Ch. 105.

Alarms — See Ch. 70.

§ 186-1. Incorporation of preamble.

The above Whereas clauses are incorporated herein by reference.¹

§ 186-2. Knox Box required for certain structures.

The following structures shall be equipped with the Knox Box:

- A. Commercial and industrial buildings;
- B. Multifamily residential building, with three units or more, with restricted access through a locked door which has a common corridor which leads to separate units;
- C. Government structures, schools; churches; hospitals, assisted living facilities; nursing care facilities; personal care homes; hotels, etc.
- D. Any structure with restructured access through a locked security gate, including a commercial building or residence.
- E. Any new commercial structure shall have a Knox Box installed prior to an occupancy permit being issued.
- F. Any structure, listed above, existing after the adoption of this chapter which has undergone major improvements (in excess of \$5,000, as determined by the Borough) including remodeling or additions shall be required to install a Knox Box prior to an occupancy permit being issued.
- G. Any existing buildings prior to the effective date of this chapter shall have one year in order to install a Knox Box and have it fully operational.

§ 186-3. Structures exempt from Knox Box.

- A. Single-family residential homes.
- B. Multifamily structures that do not meet the requirements herein in § 186-2.

1. Editor's Note: Said Whereas clauses are found in Ord. No. 1194, adopted 11-6-2014.

- C. Structures with twenty-four-hour, three-hundred-sixty-five-day on-site security personnel or other personnel on site.

§ 186-4. Knox Box system.

- A. The Knox Box Rapid Entry System is a UL-listed system and shall be equipped with a key lock bock installed at or near the main entrance of the structure or in an area approved by the Northampton Borough Fire Chief.
- B. Any property or structure with a gated secure driveway that does not have an alternative method of opening the gate shall have the Knox Box installed outside of the gate.
- C. The Knox Box shall be master keyed to the key configuration assigned to the Fire Department serving as the first responder in the geographic area where the structure is located.

§ 186-5. Violations and penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this chapter, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days; each day that a violation of this chapter continues shall constitute a separate offense. Enforcement of this chapter shall be administered by the Police Department of the Borough.