

**AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING STRUCTURES TO  
HAVE A KEY LOCK BOX (KNOX BOX) INSTALLED ON THE EXTERIOR  
OF THE STRUCTURE FOR FIRE SAFETY PURPOSE  
WITHIN THE VILLAGE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF WALES.**

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WHEREAS, the Village President and Village Board have determined that the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Village of Wales are promoted by requiring certain structures to have a key lock box installed on the exterior of the structure to aid the Wales-Genesee Fire Department in gaining access to the structure when responding to calls for emergency service; and

WHEREAS, the key lock box system is being adopted nationally and will operate on a master key basis that will expedite entry into a structure during an emergency; 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; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Wales is authorized to pass this Ordinance pursuant to its police power.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF WALES AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1. 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 as required by the fire chief:
  - (1) All commercial or industrial buildings identified by the fire officials as difficult to access during emergencies.
  - (2) All buildings within the Village of Wales having an automatic alarm system, or equipped with an automatic fire suppression system, except one and two family owner-occupied dwellings.
  - (3) Multi-family residential structures, including senior citizen apartment/condominium complexes, that have restricted access through locked doors and have a common corridor for access to the living units.
  - (4) All other buildings as recommended by the fire chief and required by the Village Plan Commission or Village Board.
- (b) All new construction subject to this section shall have the key 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 and subject to this section shall have one (1) year from the effective date of this section to have an entry key lock box installed and operational in a location as approved by the fire chief.

- (d) The owner or operator of a structure required to have a key lock box shall, at all times, keep a key or keys, in the lock box that will allow for complete and unobstructed access to the structure interior. These keys are to be marked and identified in a manner approved by the fire chief.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and posting or publication as provided by law.