

TOWNSHIP OF KILBUCK

ORDINANCE NO. O-04-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE KILBUCK TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD AN ARTICLE II, AT CHAPTER 65, ALARM DEVICES, TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF KEY BOXES ON NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF KILBUCK AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS OF SAME.

WHEREAS, the Township desires to require the installation and maintenance of key boxes on all non-residential properties within the Township to improve the response times of all first responders to alarm devices and the activation of any water sprinkler systems in response to a fire, break in, or any other event requiring the dispatch of emergency first responders;

WHEREAS, certain structures in the Township of Kilbuck are equipped with alarm devices and/or water sprinkler systems, and;

WHEREAS, the aforesaid alarm devices, and/or accompanying water sprinkler systems, may cause the various volunteer firefighter departments (“VFDs”), police forces, and any other emergency first responders contracted to respond to calls from the Township of Kilbuck to be summoned at times when a structure is not occupied or when the occupant is unable to provide ingress for members of said entities;

WHEREAS, it is desirable to prevent damage to nonresidential structures through forceful entry and to provide swift entry into these same structures by the VFDS, police forces, and/or any other emergency first responders;

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police for the Township of Kilbuck is supportive of and has been duly informed of the proposed amendment;

I. **NOW THEREFORE**, the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Kilbuck ordains that Chapter 65 of the Kilbuck Township Code of Ordinances, be amended as follows:

- A. Chapter 65 is amended and retitled as “Alarm Devices and Key Lock Boxes”.
- B. Chapter 65 is amended and divided into Article I, “Alarm Devices”, to include current sections 65-1 to 65-7.
- C. Chapter 65 is further amended and divided into Article II, “Key Lock Boxes”, by adding thereto new sections 65-8 to 65-12, to provide as follows:

§ 65-8. Key Box Requirement

All non-residential properties within the Township of Kilbuck having an automatic fire alarm system or fire sprinkler system shall be equipped with a key box.

§ 65-9. Key Box Type

The key box shall be of a UL type and approved by the Township Fire Marshall. The key box shall be installed in a location approved by the Township Fire Marshall.

§ 65-10. Key Box Contents

The key boxes shall contain the following:

- a. Keys to locked points of egress, whether on the interior or exterior of such buildings;
- b. Keys to locked mechanical equipment rooms;
- c. Key to locked electrical rooms;
- d. Keys to elevator controls;
- e. Keys to other areas as directed by the Township Fire Marshall.

§ 65-11. Time for Compliance

All existing buildings shall comply within twelve (12) months of the effective date of this ordinance. All newly constructed non-residential buildings, not yet occupied, or buildings currently under construction, shall comply immediately.

§ 65-12. Penalties

- A. Any building owner violating this ordinance, after notice from the Township Fire Marshall, Township Code Enforcement Officer, Township Secretary, Township Engineer, and/or Township Police Chief, shall be guilty of a summary offense, and upon conviction, shall be subject to a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) dollars for each violation, recoverable with costs. Each day that the violation continues shall be a separate offense and penalties shall be cumulative.
- B. In addition, the Township may institute injunctive, mandamus, or any other appropriate action or proceeding at law or in equity for the enforcement of this Ordinance. Any court of competent jurisdiction shall have the right to issue restraining orders, temporary or permanent injunctions, mandamus, or other appropriate forms of remedy or relief.

II. REPEAL

Any ordinance or part of any ordinance inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

III. SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and, if any section, sentence, clause, part, or provision thereof shall be held or declared illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect or impair any of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, parts or provisions of this Ordinance.

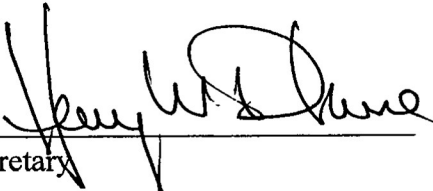
IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

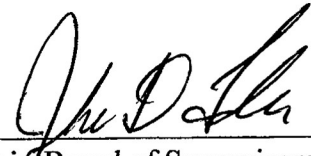
This Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after having been recorded in the Township ordinance book.

This Ordinance adopted at a duly assembled public meeting of the Board of Supervisors held this ____ day of _____, 2020.

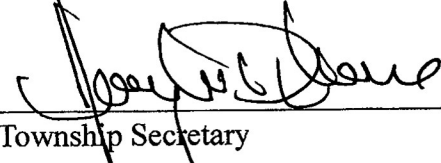
ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF KILBUCK


Secretary

By: 
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Recording Certification: This Ordinance recorded in the Township Ordinance book on July 28, 2020 by the undersigned.


Township Secretary