

ARTICLE VI

FIRE SERVICE FEATURES

History: Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Center Township as Ordinance No. 2008-06-02, June 11, 2008.

§7-601. Purpose

The Purpose of this Article is to require building features that enhance response time and/or reduce risk to emergency responders.

§7-602. Key Box

- A. A key box shall be supplied by the owner of buildings considered nonresidential as defined by the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code (see Chapter 2).

Exception:

Buildings not occupied by persons and/or animals that, as determined by the Township Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, are not to be considered a source of combustion by the nature of their construction and contents, and are not combustible nor contain a means of ignition.

- B. The key box shall be installed at a location approved by the Township.
- C. The key box shall be of a type approved by the Township and shall contain keys to gain necessary building access for life saving of fire fighting purposes as required by the Township Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer.

§7-603. Maintenance

The owner of the building shall immediately notify the Township Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer and provide the new key anytime a lock is changed or rekeyed. The key to such lock shall be secured in the existing approved box.

§7-604. Violations and Penalties

Any person(s) who shall violate any of the provisions of this Article shall upon conviction thereof, by summary proceeding be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and the cost of prosecution, provided that each day's violation of any of the provisions of this Article shall constitute a separate offense. In addition to the remedies provided herein, any continued violations of this Article which shall constitute a nuisance in fact or which shall in the opinion of the Board constitute a nuisance may be abated by proceedings against the violator in a court of equity for relief.