

**ORDINANCE NO. 2011-11**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BEACHWOOD , COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XI ENTITLED "FIRE PREVENTION" TO IMPLEMENT , 'LISTED RAPID ENTRY/KEYBOX REQUIREMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF BEACHWOOD COUNTY OF OCEAN STATE OF NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. SECTION 11-1 of the Code of the Borough of Beachwood is hereby supplemented by the inclusion of the following

11-1.10 Rapid Entry/Keybox Requirements..

WHEREAS;, Automatic Fire Protection Systems or Fire Alarm Systems may cause the volunteer fire company of the Borough of Beachwood to be summoned at a time when structures are not occupied or when the occupant(s) are not able to provide entry for fire companies; and

WHEREAS; The size, contents and/or use of a structure may require emergency access by the Borough of Beachwood volunteer fire company; and

WHEREAS; The Borough of Beachwood wishes to prevent property damage through forceful entry to structures and provide swift entry into structures by the Boroughs volunteer Fire Company; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:70-3.2(a) F-101.1.1 provides that a municipality may, by Ordinance make its Fire Code more restrictive than the Uniform Fire Code.

- a. PURPOSE - To require Rapid Entry Key Box compliance for structures listed, except one and two family dwellings and to establish installation requirements and compliance as determined by the Fire Chief.
- b. KEY BOX REQUIRED - The owner or person in control of the Following types of buildings shall install and maintain a Rapid Entry Key Box of a type approved by the Fire Official under the direction of the Fire Chief.
- c. KEY BOX TYPE and LOCATION: The key box shall be of a UL type and approved by the Borough of Beachwood Fire Official under the direction of the Fire Chief. The key box shall be installed in a location or locations designated and approved by the Fire Official
- d. KEY BOX CONTENTS: The rapid entry box(es) shall contain the following:

1. Keys to locked points of ingress/egress, whether interior or exterior of such buildings.
  2. Keys to all locked rooms and/or panels, including but not limited to mechanical, electrical, sprinkler and alarms.
  3. Keys to locked elevator rooms and elevator controls.
  4. Keys to any fenced or otherwise physically secured areas.
  5. Keys to any other areas as determined necessary and appropriate by the Fire Chief and/or Fire Official.
  6. Emergency information card containing the name(s) and phone number(s) of emergency contacts for such building and all alarm codes.
- e. **COMPLIANCE:** All existing buildings shall comply with this Ordinance twelve (12) months from its effective date. All newly constructed buildings, not yet occupied or building currently under construction and all buildings or businesses applying for a certificate of occupancy, shall comply immediately. All buildings under plan review for future construction, the Fire Official under the direction of the Fire Chief shall be responsible with the ordinance requirements.
- f. **PENALTIES:** Penalties for non-compliance by any building owner in violation of the provision of this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine up to \$500.00 after received notice from the Fire Official.

**SECTION 2.** SECTION 11-1.10-2 This Ordinance repeals any inconsistent ordinance or ordinances or part or parts thereof.

**SECTION 3.** SECTION 11-1.10-3 This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its final passage and publication as required by law

**NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at the regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Borough in the County of Ocean, held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 2011 and will be considered for second reading, public discussion and final passage at the regular meeting of said governing body held on 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Beachwood Municipal Complex located at 1600 Pinewald Rd. Beachwood New Jersey at which time and place any person desiring to be heard will be given an opportunity to be so heard.



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Elizabeth A. Mastropasqua  
Municipal Clerk