

ORDINANCE # 2019-03-19-1011

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING STRUCTURES TO HAVE A KEY LOCK BOX INSTALLED ON THE EXTERIOR OF THE STRUCTURE FOR FIRE SAFETY PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have determined that the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Westover, Alabama are promoted by requiring certain structures to have a key lock box installed on the exterior of the structure to aid the Westover City 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 City of Westover is authorized to pass this Ordinance pursuant to its police powers and its home rule power.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTOVER, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The Code or Ordinances of the City of Westover is hereby amended with the addition of the following provisions as Section 1-1:

Sec. 1-1. 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 required by the fire chief:
 - (1) Commercial or industrial structures protected by an automatic alarm system or automatic suppression system, or such structures that are secured in a manner that restricts access during an emergency;
 - (2) Multi-family residential structures that have restricted access through locked doors and have a common corridor for access to the living units;
 - (3) Governmental, Religious, Educational and Nursing Care Facilities.
- (b) All newly constructed structures subject to this section shall have the key lock box installed and operational prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit. All structures in existence on the effective date of this section and subject to this

section shall have six months from the effective date of this section to have a key lock box installed and operational.

- (c) The fire chief shall designate the type of key lock box system to be implemented within the city and shall have the authority to require all structures to use the designated system.
- (d) The owner or operator of a structure required to have a key lock box shall, at all times, keep a key in the lock box that will allow access to the structure.
- (e) The fire chief shall be authorized to implement rules and regulations for the use of the lock box system.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall become effective upon approval, passage and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 19th day of March, 2019.

Nicole Brooks/Clerk

Larry Riggins/Mayor

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF SHELBY

I, Nicole Brooks, hereby certify that I am Clerk of the City of Westover, Alabama; that I have in my possession the books and records of such municipality, including the minute book in which are recorded the minutes of the meetings of the City Council thereof, and that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No.2019-03-19-1011 of such council and was duly and legally adopted by it on the 19th day of March, 2019, and that such ordinance has been duly recorded in the Ordinance Book kept for that purpose by such municipality.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my signature as Clerk of the City of Westover, Alabama, and the seal thereof, on this the 19th day of March, 2019.

Nicole Brooks, City Clerk