

CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS

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**AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE A KEY LOCK BOX ENTRY
SYSTEM TO BE INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED ON THE
EXTERIOR OF CERTAIN BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES
IN THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS FOR FIRE
SAFETY**

**Adopted by the
City Council
of the
City of Columbia, Illinois
this 19th day of June, 2006**

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of the City of Columbia,
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WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois (the "City") has found and determined and does hereby declare that the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City will be promoted by requiring certain buildings or structures in the City to have a key lock box entry system installed on the exterior of the building or structure to aid the Columbia Fire Department in gaining access to the building or structure when responding to emergency service calls;

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

WHEREAS, the key lock box entry system will eliminate forced entries into structures thereby avoiding costly and time consuming efforts in gaining access to locked buildings or structures during an emergency; and,

WHEREAS, the City is authorized to enact this Ordinance pursuant to its police power to regulate for fire safety (65 ILCS 5/11-8-1 through 11-8-6).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. The recitals contained above in the preamble of this Ordinance are hereby incorporated herein by reference, the same as if set forth in this Section of this Ordinance verbatim, as findings of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Section 2. There is hereby added to Chapter 2.36 (**FIRE DEPARTMENT**), Section 2.36.085 (**Key lock box entry system**), to read as follows:

"2.36.085 Key lock box entry system.

The following buildings or structures shall be equipped with a rapid entry key lock box system at or near the main entrance or such other location as shall be required by the fire chief:

1. All buildings within the city having an automatic alarm system, or equipped with an automatic fire suppression system, except one and two family dwellings;

2. Commercial and industrial structures identified by the fire chief as difficult to access during emergencies;

3. Multi-family residential structures that have restricted access through locked doors and that have a common corridor for access to rental units;

4. All high-rise buildings, i. e., structures have floors at or above 50 feet above ground level; and,

5. Governmental structures and nursing care facilities.

All newly constructed structures subject to this section shall have the key lock entry 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 (6) months from the effective date of this section to have a key lock box entry system installed and operational.

The fire chief shall designate the type of key lock box entry system to be implemented within the city and shall have the authority to require all buildings and structures subject to this section to use the designated system.

The owner or operator of a building or structure required to have the key lock box entry system shall, at all times, keep a key in the lock box that will allow for access to the building or structure.

The fire chief shall be authorized to implement the rules and regulations for use of the lock box entry system.

Any person who owns or operates a structure or building required to have a key lock box entry system pursuant to this section who violates the same shall be subject to payment of a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750). Each day on which a violation occurs or continues shall be a separate offense."

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication, as provided by law.

Alderman Ebersohl moved the adoption of the above and foregoing Ordinance; the motion was seconded by Alderman Agne, and the roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, Huch
and Mayor Hutchinson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this 19th day of June, 2006.

KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

WESLEY J. HOEFFKEN, City Clerk

(SEAL)

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF MONROE)

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

I, Wesley J. Hoeffken, certify that I am the duly elected and acting Municipal Clerk of the City of Columbia, Illinois.

I further certify that on the 19th day of June, 2006, the Corporate Authorities of the City of Columbia, Illinois passed and approved Ordinance No. 2474, entitled:

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which provided by its terms that it should be published in pamphlet form.

The pamphlet form of Ordinance No. 2474, including the ordinance and a cover sheet thereof, was prepared and a copy of such ordinance will be posted in the Columbia City Hall, commencing on the 20th day of June, 2006 and continuing for at least ten (10) days thereafter. Copies of such ordinance were also available for public inspection upon request at the office of the City Clerk.

DATED at Columbia, Illinois this 19th day of June, 2006.

WESLEY J. HOEFFKEN, City Clerk

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