

**VILLAGE OF SUMMIT
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

ORDINANCE NO. 08-O-14

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE VIII, FIRE
REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 2, FIRE PREVENTION CODE
BY ADDING SECTION 8-2-4, RAPID ENTRY SYSTEM, OF
THE SUMMIT MUNICIPAL CODE**

WHEREAS, it has been determined that delays in entering unoccupied secured commercial, industrial, governmental and multi-family residential structures within the Village of Summit pose a substantial threat to the health, safety and welfare of persons and property;

WHEREAS, the Knox company has developed a rapid entry system wherein emergency ingress may be had to a structure with its one-key access system, with keys to the structure being stored on the exterior of the building.

WHEREAS, pursuant to § of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/11-8-2, the Village of Summit may enact ordinances to “put in a safe fire condition” all buildings and enclosures;

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 11-30-4 of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/11-30-4, the Village of Summit “may prescribe the strength and manner of constructing all buildings, structures and their accessories and of the construction of fire escapes thereon”;

WHEREAS, it is determined to be in the best interest of the Village of Summit that a uniform rapid entry system using the “Knox Box” system be implemented with the use of a single master key to ensure the prompt and expeditious entry into all commercial, industrial, governmental and multi-family residential structures.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Summit, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1

That Title VIII, Fire Regulations, Chapter 2, Fire Prevention Code, be amended by adding Section 8-2-4, Rapid Entry System, to read as follows:

8-2-4: **RAPID ENTRY SYSTEM:**

- (A) All commercial, industrial, governmental and multi-family residential structures shall be equipped with an exterior key lock box at or near the main entrance of such structure or such other location(s) required by the fire chief.

- (B) The owner/operator of a structure shall, at all times, store a key in the lock box that will allow access to the structure.
- (C) The fire chief is authorized to adopt and implement rules and regulations for the installation, maintenance and use of key lock boxes.
- (D) All structures subject to this section shall remain in conformity with the designated system and any rules and regulations applicable to it as adopted by the fire chief.
- (E) 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 or business license.

Section 2

The penalty clause for a violation of this ordinance shall be as provided in the Summit Municipal Code, §1-4-1.

Section 3

All existing structures that are required to install a key lock box under this ordinance shall have one (1) year from the effective date of this ordinance to comply with its provisions.

Section 4

If an section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 5

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as they conflict herewith.

Section 6

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after passage, approval, and publication. This Ordinance is authorized to be published in pamphlet form.

Adopted this 3rd day of November, 2008, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
Aldridge	X			
Strzelczyk	X			
Modiest	X			
Aldaco	X			
Lambert	X			
Rodriguez	X			
(President Strzelczyk)				
TOTAL	6	0	0	0

Approved by me this 3rd day of November, 2008

Joseph W. Strzelczyk, President

ATTEST:

Patricia H. Tichacek, Village Clerk