

**TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN**

**ORDINANCE NO. 28-2004**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 79 OF THE  
CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN ENTITLED  
“FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION”**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council, of the Township of Moorestown, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that:

Section 1. Chapter 79, Section 12 is amended as follows: Add the following language at the end of Section 79-12:

**L4311.6 Secured Opening Key Boxes**

(A) Installation, contents

1. When a property is protected by an automatic alarm system, and access to or within a structure or an area on that property is impeded by secured openings, and where immediate access might become necessary for lifesaving or firefighting purposes, the Fire Official may require a key box to be installed in an approved location. The key box shall be a type approved by the Fire Official and shall be installed at the expense of the property owners.
2. The key box shall contain:
  - (a) keys to locked points of ingress whether on the interior or exterior of such buildings
  - (b) keys to locked mechanical equipment rooms
  - (c) keys to locked electrical rooms
  - (d) keys to elevator control rooms
  - (e) keys to other areas as directed by the Fire Official
  - (f) other material as directed by the Fire Official

(B) All keys shall be clearly labeled or marked to identify the doors they open or the devices they operate.

(C) Keys placed in the key box shall be in addition to any other key placement required by any other code or agency.

(D) Application

1. This section applies to both existing and future structures, but shall not apply to one and two family dwellings.

(E) Approvals

1. The Fire Official shall, within 90 days of the effective date of this section, develop a list of specifications for key boxes and submit said specifications to the Township Planning Board for the Planning Board's use. Any box complying with those specifications shall be deemed to be approved. Until such specifications are developed and at any time thereafter, any property owner may request the Fire Official to render a determination as to whether a particular key box, which does not comply with the specifications, can be approved for installation.
2. Before installing any key box required by this section, the property owner shall contact the Fire Official to receive the appropriate forms and location approval for installation.
3. The owner shall notify the Fire Official within 48 hours of receipt of the key box.
4. The key box shall be installed at the approved location no more than 7 days after receipt.
5. The key box shall be locked by the Fire Official or Fire Chief with all keys required under this chapter not more than 7 days after receipt.

(F) Fees

1. The Fire Official may determine appropriate fees for processing an application to determine whether a key box which does not comply with the specifications can be approved for installation and a request for designation or approval of proposed locations for key boxes. Such fees shall become effective upon adoption by resolution of the Town Council.

Section 2. In all other respects, Chapter 79 shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Repealer. Any and all other ordinances, inconsistent with any of the terms and provision of this ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

Section 4. Severability. In the event that any section, paragraph, clause, term, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction, to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation, to the section, paragraph, clause, term, provision, or part thereof, directly involved in the controversy, in such judgment shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect following final passage, adoption and publication on the earliest date allowed by law.

Section 6. Short Title. This ordinance shall be known as Ordinance 28-2004

## NOTICE

The ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Moorestown, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, held on November 8, 2004. This ordinance will be further considered for final passage by the Township Council at a meeting to be held in the Council Chambers of Moorestown Township, 111 West Second Street, Moorestown, NJ on December 6, 2004 at 8pm or at any time and place to which such meeting may be adjourned. All persons interested will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance. During the week prior to and including the date of such further consideration, copies will be made available at the Municipal Clerk's Office in said Municipal Building to any member of the general public who shall request such copies.

Patricia L. Hunt,  
Township Clerk