

TOWNSHIP OF WALL**ORDINANCE NO. 33 - 1998**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XIII, "FIRE PREVENTION", OF "THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL, 1997", AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED, PROVIDING FOR RAPID ACCESS KEY BOXES FOR THE USE OF THE FIRE COMPANIES IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Uniform Fire Code requires certain properties to be equipped with automatic alarm systems and/or sprinkler systems; and

WHEREAS, the automatic systems may cause the fire companies of the Township of Wall to be summoned at a time when the structure is not occupied or when the occupant is not able to provide entry for the fire companies; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to prevent damage through forceful entry to structures and to provide swift entry into structures by the fire companies; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Fire Code provides that a municipality may, by Ordinance, make its fire code more restrictive than the Uniform Fire Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Wall, in the County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter XIII, "Fire Prevention", of "The Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Wall, 1997", as amended and supplemented, be and the same is hereby further amended and supplemented by the addition thereto of the following section:

"13-13 Key Boxes Required.

13.-13.1. All properties within the Township of Wall having an automatic fire alarm system or a fire sprinkler system shall be equipped with a key box. This requirement shall

not apply to owner occupied one and two family dwellings.

13-13.2. The key box shall be of UL type and approved by the Wall Township Fire Official. The rapid entry key box shall be installed in a location approved by the Wall Township Fire Official.

13-13.3. *Key Box Contents.* The rapid entry key boxes may be required to contain any or all of the following, as shall be determined by the Fire Official:

- a. Keys to locked points of egress, whether on interior or exterior of such buildings;
- b. Keys to the locked mechanical rooms;
- c. Keys to the locked elevator rooms;
- d. Keys to the elevator controls;
- e. Keys to any fence or secured areas;
- f. Keys to any other areas;
- g. A floor plan of the rooms within the building.

13-13.4 *Time for Compliance.* All existing buildings shall comply with this Ordinance within twelve (12) months of its effective date. All newly constructed buildings for which a certificate of occupancy has not been issued, or buildings currently under construction, shall comply immediately.”

Section 2. All Ordinances, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3. Should any section, paragraph, clause, or any other portion of this Ordinance be adjudged by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 4. This Ordinance will take effect upon its passage and publication according to law.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading by the Township Committee of the Township of Wall on November 24, 1998, and will further be considered for final passage and adoption at the Wall Township Municipal Building, 2700 Allaire Road, Wall, New Jersey on December 9, 1998, at 8:00 o'clock p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached on the agenda, at which time and place all persons interested therein shall be given an opportunity to be heard, and during the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said Ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's Office in the Township of Wall, Town Hall, to members of the general public who shall request the same.

BEATRICE M. GASSNER, R.M.C., C.M.C.
Township Clerk