

**TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
**Division of Code Enforcement**  
**Dale Robbins, Fire Marshal**

To Owners of Commercial and Multi-Residential Structures:

The Township of Lawrence has recently enacted a new ordinance that requires Knox Boxes to be installed at new commercial buildings, existing commercial buildings with improvements requiring Planning Board approval, existing commercial and certain multi-family residential buildings.

Ordinance No. 1938-07 provides for immediate emergency access to firefighters leading to increasing fire company efficiency, preventing costly forced entry damage and allowing undamaged doors to be re-secured after the emergency. It also aids in protecting property, inventory, equipment and supplies as well as firefighters against possible injuries.

All existing commercial buildings and multi-family residential structures that have restricted access through locked doors and have a common corridor for access to the living units shall have installed a Knox Box of a UL type and size approved by the Township Fire Official in a location specified by the Township Fire Official within one year of the effective date of this ordinance. Any exceptions to this requirement will be at the discretion of the Lawrence Township Fire Marshal.

A copy of the ordinance is included for your reference. Additional information and Knox Box applications are available at the Lawrence Township Fire Marshal's Office. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation. If you have any questions please contact our office at 609-844-7018.

Respectfully Yours,  
Township of Lawrence

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