ORDINANCE NO. 2024- 2036

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMPBELL TO REQUIRE KNOX BOXES AT COMMERCIAL BULDINGS.

WHEREAS, the City of Campbell finds that an ordinance is necessary to require all commercial buildings to install Knox Boxes; and,

WHEREAS, the benefits of installing Knox Boxes include providing immediate emergency access to firefighters, leading to increasing Fire Department efficiency; preventing costly forced entry and allowing undamaged doors to be re-secured after the emergency; and protecting property, inventory, equipment and supplies as well as firefighters against possible injuries.

NOW, THEREOFRE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMPBELL, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That Knox Boxes shall be defined as follows:

A. **Definitions**. "Knox Box" shall mean a secure rapid entry system that is designed to be used by Emergency Personnel in the event of an emergency to gain entry into a structure by using the enclosed owner provided key(s). This box is usually mounted on the exterior of the building in a location that is specified by the Fire Official. All boxes shall be UL ("Underwriters Laboratories") certified and approved by the Fire Official.
B. **Knox Box Required for New Commercial Buildings**. All new commercial buildings shall have installed a Knox Box, of a UL type and size approved by the City Fire Official, in a location specified by the City Fire Official prior to the issuance of a permit of occupancy.
C. **Knox Box Required for Multi-Family Residential Structures.** All new 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 City Fire Official, in a location specified by the City Fire Official.
D. **Knox Box Contents**. All Knox Boxes shall contain labeled keys, easily identified to provide ready access into the property and/or building, and to any locked areas within the said building as the City Fire Official may direct.

SECTION 2. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS 16 DAY OF OCTOBER 2024.

GEORGE LEVENDIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

DINA HAMILTON, CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED:

BRYAN TEDESCO, MAYOR

ORDINANCE SPONSORS:
COUNCIL MEMBERS: LEVENDIS, CAPPITTE, MAZZOCCA, STANKO

FILED WITH THE MAYOR: 10-16-24
APPROVED BY THE MAYOR: 10-16-24

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LAMPRINI MATHEWS, DIRECTOR OF LAW

I, Dina Hamilton, Clerk of Council of the City of Campbell, County of Mahoning and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing ORDINANCE is a true and correct copy of ORDINANCE No. 2024-2036, passed in Council on the 16 day of October 2024, and now on file in the files of my office.

CLERK OF COUNCIL