

Introduction date: November 18, 2019
Adoption date: December 16, 2019

**ORDINANCE 2019-19
TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON
BURLINGTON COUNTY**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON
REQUIRING STRUCTURES TO
HAVE A KEY LOCK BOX INSTALLED ON THE
EXTERIOR OF THE STRUCTURE FOR FIRE SAFETY PURPOSE**

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Eastampton have determined that the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Township of Eastampton are promoted by requiring certain structures to have a key lock box installed on the exterior of the structure to aid the Eastampton Fire Department in gaining access to the structure when responding to calls for emergency service; and

WHEREAS, the key lock box system is being adopted nationally and will operate on a master key basis that will expedite entry into a structure during an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the key lock box system will eliminate forced entries into structures thereby avoiding costly and time-consuming efforts in gaining access to locked structures during an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Eastampton is authorized to pass this Ordinance pursuant to its police power and its home rule power.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Eastampton, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1: The Code of the Township of Eastampton is hereby amended with the addition of the following provisions as Chapter 268:

Section 268-9. Key Lock Box System.

- (a) All newly constructed structures, except for single family dwellings and multiple family dwellings, shall be equipped with a key lock box at or near the main entrance, structures protected with an automatic fire suppression system shall also have a locking type of cap on the fire department connection or such other location required by the fire official or the fire chief.
- (b) All structures subject to this section shall have the key lock box and locking fire department connection caps installed and operational prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit. The fire official or fire chief shall approve the type of key lock box system to be implemented within the Township of Eastampton.
- (c) The owner or operator of a structure required to have a key lock box shall, at all times, keep a key in the lock box that will allow for access to the structure.
- (d) The fire official or fire chief shall be authorized to implement rules and

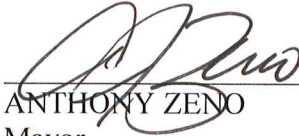
- regulations for the use of the lock box system.
- (e) Any person who owns or operates a structure subject to this section shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Chapter 268 of this code for any violation of this section.

SECTION 2: The ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

ATTEST:



KIM-MARIE WHITE
Municipal Clerk



ANTHONY ZENO
Mayor

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Council	Motion	2 nd	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Apgar			X			
Councilman Besko	X		X			
Councilman Santillo		X	X			
Councilman Springer			X			
Mayor Zeno						X
		VOTE	4	0		

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Councilman Santillo			✓			
Councilman Springer		✓	✓			
Mayor Zeno			✓			
		VOTE	5	0		