

## ORDINANCE 1406

### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE IX: GENERAL REGULATIONS; CHAPTER 92 FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION; SECTION 92.08 RAPID ENTRY SYSTEM MODIFYING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR WHICH PROPERTIES ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A RAPID ENTRY SYSTEM AND THE LOCATION ON A BUILDING OF THE SYSTEM AND PROVIDING FOR A FEE.**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Governing Body of the City of Vermillion, South Dakota that Title IX: General Regulations; Chapter 92 Section 92.08 Fire Code shall be amended as follows:

#### **§ 92.08 RAPID ENTRY SYSTEM.**

(A) The following structures shall be equipped with a key lock box at or within 15 feet of the main entrance or such other location required by the Fire Chief or designee.

- (1) All newly constructed commercial, industrial, multifamily, educational, fraternity, and sorority structures that are secured in a manner that restricts access during an emergency or are required to be equipped with fire protection systems. All newly constructed single-family structures electing to have fire protection systems. Fire protection systems shall include fire sprinklers and/or fire alarm systems; and
- (2) All existing commercial, industrial, single family, multifamily, educational, fraternity, and sorority structures equipped with or required to be equipped with fire protection systems. Fire protection systems shall include fire sprinklers and/or fire alarm systems; and
- (3) All existing multifamily, fraternity, and sorority structures that have restricted access; and
- (4) Governmental structures and nursing care facilities.

(B) All newly constructed structures or complexes subject to this section shall have the key lock box installed and operational prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit.

(C) The Fire Chief or designee shall designate the type of key lock box system to be implemented within the city and shall have the authority to require all structures to use the designated system. The Fire Chief or designee shall provide a list of compatible entry systems that must be UL listed and a tested box system.

(D) The owner or operator of a structure or complex required to have a key lock shall, at all times, keep a key in the lock box, and maintain the operation of the box at all times.

(E) The Fire Chief or designee shall be authorized to implement rules and regulations for the use of the lock box system.

(F) Any person who owns or operates a structure or complex subject to this section shall be subject to the fee set by resolution for any violation of this section.

(G) All requests for the designated key lock box system shall be coordinated through the Fire Chief or designee. The Fire Chief or designee shall approve the location of the box on each site.

(H) All surface mount box systems shall be securely installed on the address side of the building and no more than six (6) feet from ground level or if a recessed box is installed, the box may be installed at eye level on the address side of the building, or such other location approved by the Fire Chief or designee.

(I) Inside the box system, a master key for all exterior and interior locks must be placed inside.

(1) No more than two (2) keys permitted inside the box without approval of the Fire Chief or designee.

(2) If two (2) keys are present inside the box, the keys must be clearly labeled "Exterior Doors," and the like.

(3) Master electronic key cards may be placed inside instead of a physical key.

## § 92.081 FEES.

The fee for failing to comply with the regulations in this chapter shall be set by resolution.

Dated at Vermillion, South Dakota this 18th day of November, 2019.

THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY  
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