

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-05

AN ORDINANCE OF RADNOR TOWNSHIP, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 183 OF THE RADNOR TOWNSHIP CODE, "EMERGENCY RESPONSE RAPID ENTRY SYSTEMS" REQUIRING THE INSTALLATION OF LOCKED BOXES FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND PROVIDING REGULATIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION

*WHEREAS*, the Radnor Township Board of Commissioners is committed to the protecting the lives and property of members of the Radnor Township community;

*WHEREAS*, the Radnor Township Board of Commissioners finds the safety of the community and the protection of property is advanced by the implementation of a program requiring lockbox installation in which first responders will have access in the case of emergency;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Radnor does hereby ENACT and ORDAIN as follows:

**ARTICLE I.**

The Radnor Township Code is hereby amended to create a new Chapter 183 entitled "Emergency Response Rapid Entry Systems" to read as follows:

**§183-1. Purpose-** The purpose of this Ordinance is to implement the installation of secured boxes containing keys, plans, and other items of critical significance in emergency response to structures in Radnor Township. The use of the secured boxes will allow first responders to enter properties safely and without the damage attendant to forced entry.

**§183-2. Definitions**

Rapid Entry System- A small or large box of Knox Box brand, or similar brand, comprised of steel or other secure material with locking mechanism containing labeled keys to access exterior doors, mechanical rooms, elevator rooms and control rooms, fenced and secured areas, and any other areas which may need to be accessed by first responders. A Rapid Entry System shall also contain an up to date list of emergency contacts, floor plans showing locations of shutoffs, and a list of hazardous materials on the property, if applicable.

**§183-3. Requirements**

- A. **Installation-** Rapid Entry Systems shall be required as a condition of land development for all buildings or structures located in the Radnor Township, whether privately or publicly owned, including, without limitation, any building owned by Radnor Township, or any other public, quasi-public, or private entity or person; provided, however, that this

chapter shall not apply to one and two-family dwellings. Properties with multiple buildings will need to have a single Rapid Entry System installed for each building on the Property.

- B. **Mounting Location and Inspection-** Rapid Entry Systems shall be mounted near the main entry door on the address side of the property five feet above ground level, where possible, or placed at the direction of the Radnor Township Office of Emergency Management. Upon installation of the Rapid Entry System, landowner shall notify Radnor Township to have the Rapid Entry System secured.
- C. **Access-** The owner or operator of a Rapid Entry System equipped property shall provide means of access to the property to Radnor Township Office of Emergency Management to secure the Rapid Entry System with all required contents enclosed.
- D. **Privately Owned Driveways-** Radnor Township will hold access keys for Rapid Entry Systems into gated privately owned driveways only upon execution of a waiver to the satisfaction of the Township Solicitor.
- E. **Banks and Commercial Properties Containing Pharmaceuticals-** Any bank or commercial business which holds pharmaceuticals or narcotics on the premises must purchase a Rapid Entry System with the option for a tamper switch added to the system.
- F. **Duty of Maintenance-** The property owner or occupants shall be responsible for the cost to purchase, install, and maintain the Rapid Entry System. The property owner or occupants shall also be responsible to keep clear access to the Knox Box and to keep all contents up to date. If updated information or materials need to be added to the Rapid Entry System, contact shall be made with Radnor Township Office of Emergency Management and arrangements will be made to assist in gaining access via key. Key access will not be available for the property owner.

#### **§183-4. Implementation**

The Radnor Township Office of Emergency Management shall establish rules and regulations to implement the purposes of this ordinance and shall create educational material for residents, institutions and businesses in Radnor Township.

#### **§183-5. Penalties**

Any person, firm, or corporation who shall violate any provision of this act shall be guilty of a summary offense and, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$500.00. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

**ARTICLE II.** Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.


**ARTICLE III.** Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, subsection, part, or provision of this Ordinance is, for any reason, found to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality, illegality, or invalidity shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than that portion specifically declared invalid. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Board of Commissioners of Radnor Township, that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid clause, sentence, paragraph, section, subsection, part, provision, or part thereof not been included therein.

**ARTICLE IV.** Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective in accordance with the Radnor Township Home Rule Charter.

ENACTED and ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

**RADNOR TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

By:

  
Name: Jack Larkin  
Title: President

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