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KEY ACCESS BOXES

Per the **Florida Fire Prevention Code (FFPC), 6th Edition, § 18.2.2.1**; the AHJ shall have the authority to require a key access box(es) to be installed in an accessible location where access to or within a structure or area is difficult because of security. The access box(es) shall be of an approved type listed in accordance with UL 1037.

FFPC § 16.3.4.3 – Where access to or within a structure or an area is unduly difficult because of secured openings or where immediate access is necessary for life-saving or fire-fighting purposes, the AHJ shall be permitted to require a key box to be installed in an accessible location. [241:7.5.3]

FFPC § 16.3.4.4 – The key box shall be an approved type and shall contain keys to gain access as required by the AHJ. (See Section 18.2.) [241:7.5.4]

City of North Port Administrative Code, Chapter 26 – Fire Prevention and Protection, § 26.23 - Key box requirements as stated:

- (a) The North Port fire rescue district shall approve any key box installation and the location of all key boxes. The required key box shall contain the keys necessary to gain internal accesses as required by the district.
- (b) Key boxes shall be installed on the outside of the premises at the direction of the North Port Fire Rescue District.

Key boxes shall be installed at the following locations:

- (1) Any mercantile, commercial or business occupancy.
- (2) Any public assembly occupancies.
- (3) Any high hazard occupancies, such as nursing homes and adult congregate living facilities.
- (4) Any occupancy with a sprinkler system, fire alarm system, or both.

(Code 1990, § 116-6)

The owner or occupant of a structure or area shall notify the AHJ when the access is modified in a manner that could prevent fire department access.

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Approved Key Access Box Type:

Knox Company	Model 3200 or larger
Available from:	Knox Company 1601 W. Deer Valley Road Phoenix, AZ 85027 Phone: (800) 552-5669

Orders can be placed online at www.knox.com for the approved products listed above.

BOXES SHALL BE MOUNTED ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE FRONT DOOR AT A HEIGHT OF SIX (6) FEET FROM GRADE TO THE CENTER OF THE KEY ACCESS BOX, OR AS DESIGNATED BY THE AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION (AHJ).