

ORDINANCE NO. 356

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER
MAKEFIELD, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,
REQUIRING A RAPID ENTRY SYSTEM, LOCK
BOX/KEY VAULTS FOR CERTAIN COMMERCIAL
AND MULTI-STORY BUILDINGS IN THE TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2003, the Board of Supervisors of Lower Makefield Township adopted the International Fire Code, 2000 Edition (IFC) as the Official Code in Lower Makefield Township for regulating and safeguarding life and property;

WHEREAS, the provisions of Section 506 of the IFC require the installation of Key Boxes in all structures to which access is made difficult due to physical barriers such as gates, fences, bollards, etc., and where the type of structure, or structures, and where fire protection systems, or elevators are located requires such systems;

WHEREAS, the key box should be located at or near the primary fire department access to the building; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lower Makefield Township believes it is in the best interest of the Township and its residents that rapid entry systems/key boxes/key vaults be installed in appropriate buildings within the Township as herienafter forth in this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it **ORDAINED** and **ENACTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Lower Makefield Township as follows:

1. All high rises, multi-story, multi-office buildings, and all commercial and industrial buildings identified by Emergency Services officials as having difficult access during emergencies shall be required to install, or cause to be installed, a lock box prior to receiving a Certificate of Occupancy. Furthermore, all owners of said buildings shall install said lock box system within six (6) months of the adoption of this Ordinance.

2. The lock box/key vault system is a high security key vault master system keyed to the specifications of the Lower Makefield Township Emergency Services providers. A key vault is not required to be attached or monitored by an alarm system although is recommended. The key vault must contain a diagram of the interior, tag keys or entry cards for the main door to the core of the building and all interior office doors, mechanical rooms, fire suppression system and

elevators. Furthermore, if the building is designated as a SARA facility, all hazardous material and/or chemicals must be identified.

3. The Chief of Police of Lower Makefield Township, who is a designated emergency management coordinator for the Township, shall be responsible for the implementation of this program including the distribution of lock box/vault keys to emergency response personnel and for the maintenance of security of each such key. The Township Police Department shall be responsible for the enforcement of this Ordinance.

4. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any section, clause, sentence, part or provision thereof shall be held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of the court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining sections, clauses, sentences, parts of provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board of Supervisors that this Ordinance would have not been adopted if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional section, clause, sentence or part of a provision had been included herein.

5. This Ordinance shall be effective five (5) days after enactment.

DULY ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 18 day of January, 2005.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOWER
MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP

BY:










