

TOWN OF NORTH CASTLE

Local Law No. 1 For the Year 2006  
(Adopted January 11, 2006)

A Local Law to amend Chapter 107 (Fire Prevention).

Be It Enacted by the Town Board of the Town of North Castle as follows:

**Section 1.** Create a new Section 107-1 as follows:

107-1. Key Boxes. The Town Board of the Town of North Castle has determined that the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town of North Castle are promoted by requiring certain structures and driveways to have a key box installed to aid first responders in gaining access to property when responding to calls for emergency service.

107-1.1. Definitions.

Key Box – A secure tamper-proof device with a lock operable only by an Emergency Service Provider master key and containing building entry keys and other keys that may be required for access in an emergency.

Emergency Service Provider - A uniformed or otherwise identified employee or volunteer of a fire department, police department or ambulance service based within the Town of North Castle or under contract with the Town.

107-1.2 Building Access.

- A. All new commercial buildings, new multifamily residential buildings and new commercial driveways with gates, including gated facilities shall provide a Key Box of a type approved by the Building Department. The location and contents of the Key Box must be approved by the respective Fire Chief or his/her designee.
- B. Key Boxes shall be required on all existing commercial buildings which generate three false alarms while under the control of the same owner as determined by the respective Fire Chief or his/her designee. The location and contents of the Key Box must be approved by the respective Fire Chief or his/her designee.

- C. All residential driveways with gates, including gated communities, shall provide a keypad device with an emergency opening code acceptable to the respective Fire Chief or his/her designee.
- D. Installation of Key Boxes shall be optional for one-family and two-family residential buildings.

107-1.3 Exceptions. Buildings and facilities with uninterrupted 24-hour security acceptable to the respective Fire Chief or his/her designee shall not require the installation of a key box.

**Section 2.** Conflicting Standards.

Where the requirements of this Local Law impose a different restriction or requirement than imposed by other sections of the Code of the Town of North Castle, the Town Law of the State of New York or other applicable rules or regulations, the requirements of this Local Law shall prevail.

**Section 3.** Severability.

The invalidity of any word, section, clause, paragraph, sentence, part or provision of this local law shall not affect the validity of any other part of this local law that can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

**Section 4.** Effective Date.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and filing with the Secretary of State.

Dated: January 11, 2006

