

CITY OF SOUTH MILWAUKEE
CHAPTER 27
FIRE PREVENTION, PROTECTION, AND CONTROL CODE
Section 27.14 MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION PROVISIONS

(10) ACCESS BOX SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

(a) An “*Access Box*” system has been adopted for use by this Fire Department.

The following structures shall be equipped with an “*Access Box*” installed in a location acceptable to the AHJ.

1. Commercial or industrial structures protected by an automatic alarm system or automatic fire suppression system, or such structures that are secured in a way that restricts access during an emergency.
2. Multi-family residential structures that have restricted access through locked doors and have a common corridor for access to the living units.
3. Nursing homes, CBRFs, child day care and other health facilities.
4. All educational occupancies
5. The AHJ shall have the authority to require any structure to install and maintain an “*Access Box*”.

(b) All newly constructed structures subject to this section shall have the “*Access Box*” installed and operational prior to occupancy. All structures in existence on the effective date of this section and who are subject to this section shall have one year from the date of being ordered by the AHJ to have a “*Access Box*” installed to complete installation.

(c) The owner or agent of a structure required to have an “*Access Box*” shall keep the following inside the box:

1. Keys to locked points of ingress and egress whether on the interior or exterior.
2. The keys to locked mechanical, electrical, and elevator control rooms.
3. The keys needed to open any alarm panels.
4. Floor plans or maps as required by the AHJ.
5. The keys to other areas as directed by the AHJ.

(d) All items required to be kept in the “*access Box*” shall be the most currently used and must be continually updated.

(d) The “*Access Box*” shall be installed at the owner’s expense.

(e) The size and type of “*Access Box*” will be determined by the AHJ.

EXCEPTION: Any building or site that has twenty-four hour, seven-day a week guard service or any occupancy that remains open twenty-four hours a day, seven-days a week, does not require an “*Access Box*”, unless ordered by the Fire Chief.