

**SHREWSBURY BOROUGH
YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-08

**AN ORDINANCE OF SHREWSBURY BOROUGH, YORK COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA, REQUIRING STRUCTURES TO HAVE A KEY LOCK BOX
INSTALLED ON THE EXTERIOR OF THE STRUCTURE FOR FIRE SAFETY
PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the Council of Shrewsbury Borough has determined that the health, safety and the welfare of the citizens of Shrewsbury Borough are promoted by requiring certain structures to have a key lock box installed on the exterior of the structure to aid the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., and any other applicable fire companies, in gaining access to the structure when responding to calls for emergency service; and

WHEREAS, a key lock box system is being adopted nationally and will operate on a master key basis that will provide expedite entry into a structure during an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the key lock box system will eliminate forced entries into structures thereby avoiding costly/time-consuming efforts in gaining access to locked structures during an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Shrewsbury is authorized to pass this Ordinance pursuant to its powers that are set forth in the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, including but not limited to the Borough Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Council of Shrewsbury Borough, York County, Pennsylvania under authority of law, as follows:

SECTION 1: SHORT TITLE. The short title of this Ordinance will be "The Shrewsbury Borough Key Lock Box Ordinance".

SECTION 2: KEY LOCK BOXES REQUIRED. The following structures shall be equipped with a key lock box at or near the main entrance of the structures or at such other locations as required by the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., Fire Chief:

- a. Commercial or industrial structures protected by an automatic alarm system or automatic suppression system;
- b. Multi-family residential structures that have restrictive access to locked doors and a common corridor for access to living units;
- c. Governmental structures and nursing care facilities; and

- d. Multi-family communities in which access is restricted by a gate.

SECTION 3: TIME PERIOD FOR INSTALLATION OF KEY LOCK BOX SYSTEMS.

- a. All newly constructed structures subject to this Ordinance shall have the key lock box installed and operational prior to the issuance to an Occupancy Permit.
- b. All structures in existence on the effective date of this Ordinance and subject to which you shall have one (1) year from the date of the effective date of this Ordinance to have a key lock box installed and operational.

SECTION 4: DESIGNATION OF KEY LOCK BOX SYSTEM. The Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., Fire Chief shall designate the type of key lock box system to be implemented within the Borough of Shrewsbury and shall have the authority to require all structures subject to this Ordinance to use the designated system.

SECTION 5: PROPERTY OWNERS OBLIGATION. The owner or operator of a structure required to have a key lock box shall, at all times, keep a key that will allow access to the structure in the key lock box.

SECTION 6: RULES AND REGULATIONS TO BE IMPLEMENTED. The Fire Chief of the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., is hereby authorized to implement rules and regulations for the use of the key lock box system, and those rules and regulations can amended from time to time. Any and all rules and regulations promulgated by The Fire Chief of the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., shall be provided to the Shrewsbury Borough Council and subject to its approval.

SECTION 7: ENFORCEMENT. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be enforced by the Shrewsbury Borough Zoning Officer, Shrewsbury Borough Permit Officer, and any other Shrewsbury Borough official appointed from time to time by the Borough Council, or by any police officer having authority within Shrewsbury Borough.

SECTION 8: PENALTIES. Any person violating the provisions of this Ordinance, any rules or regulations promulgated by The Fire Chief pursuant thereto, shall be guilty of a summary offense and shall, upon conviction thereof, through a summary proceeding, be liable to pay a fine not less than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars nor more than Six Hundred (\$600.00) Dollars, plus all costs of prosecution, including, but not limited to, attorney's fees. In default of payment thereof, those persons convicted of violating this Ordinance shall be imprisoned for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days. Each day that any violation of this Ordinance continues shall constitute a separate violation of this Ordinance and shall subject the person to additional penalties, in an amount no less than the minimum, for such days. For purposes of this Ordinance, the term person shall include individuals, partnerships, corporations and any other entities owning or leasing property situate in Shrewsbury Borough.

SECTION 9: REPEALER. All prior ordinances that are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 10: SEVERABILITY. If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality

or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Board of Supervisors that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

SECTION 11: EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective five days after the date of its enactment as provided by law.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 11th day of December 2002.

ATTEST:

**BOROUGH COUNCIL FOR
SHREWSBURY BOROUGH**

Candace Z. Ross
Secretary

By: Peter W. Schnabel
President

Approved this 11th day of December 2002.

By: James W. Reedy
Mayor