



City of Grand Prairie Fire Department Code Regulations

Building Access

As required by the 2009 International Fire Code, adopted amendments, and City of Grand Prairie Ordinances.

When 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 firefighting purposes, a Knox key box shall be installed in an accessible location.

All boxes must be manufactured by the Knox Company, and shall be keyed for the specially registered key possessed by the fire department. No other type of key box will be acceptable.

All boxes shall be purchased through the Knox Company. Installation and maintenance shall be the responsibility of the building owner/occupant.

Building owners must obtain a signed authorization/order form from the Fire Marshal's office before an approved key box can be purchased.

Boxes shall be mounted adjacent to main entry doors or those doors with the best access for emergency service. Consideration shall be given to the location of fire lanes, and the location of inside control rooms.

The box shall never be further than ten (10) feet from the appropriate access point. Boxes shall not be mounted higher than six (6) feet, or lower than two (2) feet above the ground or walk area.

Access to boxes shall not be visually obstructed by landscaping or architectural elements.

It is recommended that all key boxes be supervised by an electronic security system to detect a possible unauthorized entry.

Keys necessary for building entry shall be placed inside the key box. Each key shall be labeled for its appropriate use.

Exterior doors and openings required by code shall be maintained readily accessible for emergency access by the fire department. Required fire department access doors shall not be obstructed or eliminated.