



FIRE DEPARTMENT OF BELLEVUE – DAYTON

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Dear Business and/or Property Owner:

On November 6, 2007, the City of Dayton approved Ordinance No. 2007-23, and on April 9, 2008, the City of Bellevue approved Ordinance No. 2008-03-01, that requires a Key Lock Box System (Knox Box) for the following structures:

1. All newly constructed commercial and industrial structures and places of assembly protected by an automatic fire alarm system or an automatic suppression system, or any such structure secured in a manner that restricts access during an emergency.
2. All newly constructed multi-family residential structures that have restricted access through locked doors and have a common corridor for access to the living quarters.
3. All newly constructed health care facilities.
4. All existing structures undertaking additions, alterations and/or repairs.
5. All existing structures, as described in paragraphs numbered 1 through 4 above, within three (3) years from the effective date of the Ordinance.

A Knox Box is a small, wall-mounted safe installed on the exterior of your building that holds the keys to the building. The key safe can only be opened by our Fire Department for retrieving the keys to gain quick access into your building in an emergency situation. Quick access helps prevent unnecessary water damage to your inventory and avoids destructive forced entry into commercial and residential properties during emergencies.

For information on how to purchase a Knox Box, please contact a Fire Inspector at the Fire Department of Bellevue-Dayton at 859-261-0083.

ANNUAL FIRE INSPECTIONS

Fire Inspectors at Fire Department of Bellevue-Dayton are required to perform annual inspections of new and existing public buildings, multi-family residential buildings of three (3) or more units, businesses, schools, churches, commercial structures, senior citizen and day-care facilities, and other types of public structures to identify and ensure adherence to Kentucky Life Safety Codes.

Property and business owners should ensure the Fire Department has current contact information on file so the required annual inspection is not delayed.

If you are uncertain that your business, or new or existing building, meets state and local Life Safety Codes, please call our Fire Inspectors at 859-261-0083. An Inspector will meet with you to conduct an on-site inspection, answer any questions you may have and make recommendations for meeting the Life Safety Codes.

There are no costs or fees for annual inspections or consultations.

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