



# FMO 2008-001

## Key Boxes

**Authority: Adopted Montgomery County Fire Code  
Texas Local Government Code**

### **2012 International Fire Code - Section 506 Key Boxes**

**506.1 Where Required** Where access to or within a structure or an area is restricted because of secured openings or where immediate access is necessary for life saving or firefighting purposes, the fire code official is authorized to require a key box to be installed in an approved location. The key box shall be of an approved type and shall contain keys to gain necessary access as required by the fire code official.

(All property subject to compliance with the County Fire Code)

**Interpretation:** A suitable component of the Knox Access System established by the Fire Department having jurisdiction shall be installed on any building equipped with a fire alarm, sprinkler system, or building containing hazardous materials, life safety or similar hazards to allow immediate FD access in the event of an emergency.

**How to Comply:** Contact the Fire Department and obtain authorization to order the proper equipment for building access. Within 2 to 3 weeks of receiving the equipment install on building as advised by Fire Department. Contact the Fire Department to secure the key box.

### **Gate Access Requirements (Montgomery County Gate Access Program)**

**506.1.1** An approved lock shall be installed on gates or similar barriers when required by the fire code official.  
(All property subject to compliance with the County Fire Code)

**Existing Locations:** (Authority under Adopted Fire Code and Local Government Code)

**Adopted Fire Code Exhibit A:** Lock boxes of an approved type are required for all gated communities and multi-unit housing projects in accordance with the Montgomery County Fire Code.

**How to Comply:** Contact the Montgomery County Fire Marshal's Office to obtain authorization to order the proper equipment for gate access. After receiving the equipment and completion of any required installation work, contact the MCFMO to inspect the installation and secure the gate(s).

**For more information contact the Montgomery County Fire Marshal's Office by phone or email [fire.codes@mctx.org](mailto:fire.codes@mctx.org) Additional information is available on our website <http://www.mctx.org/fire/>**