



## City of Gastonia Fire Department

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Over the past several years, The Gastonia Fire Department has run into issues with having a large number of keys to buildings within our city. This has caused our department to reconsider how we handle keys to businesses.

The Gastonia Fire Department has decided to go with the Knox Rapid Entry Key Box System.

This system allows one key on each department apparatus, after-hours entry of your property in the event of an emergency or false alarm....WITH NO DAMAGE TO YOUR BUILDING!

The following paragraph is from the North Carolina Fire Prevention Code.

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

Those businesses wishing the Gastonia Fire Department to have keys for access will be required to install the Knox Box system. A code official from the Fire Marshal's Office will determine the location of the box.

To order a Knox Box, go to: <http://www.knoxbox.com>

Click Rapid Entry System, & Then Fire Departments.

The Gastonia Fire Department suggests picking one of the many boxes available from the 3200 series.

When checking out, search for The Gastonia Fire Department and make sure to select the one with the Shield.

Thank you for your time regarding this matter. Any questions pertaining to this or any other matter which the department may be of service, please contact the Gastonia Fire Department Fire Marshal's Office at (704) 866-6807

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