

ORDINANCE NO 10-2026

BOROUGH OF STRATFORD, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8.10 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD TO REVISE THE KNOX BOX RAPID ENTRY SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL OCCUPANCIES

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE

The ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at the Regular Meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, held on the 13th day of August 14, 2026. It will be further considered for final passage after public hearing thereon, at the meeting of the Governing Body to be held in the Borough Hall, in the Borough of Stratford on the 9th day of September 2026 at 6:30 PM. Copies of the ordinance will be made available during the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting at the Clerk's Office in the Borough Hall to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This ordinance updates Chapter 8.10 to expand the Knox Box Rapid Entry System requirement beyond newly constructed buildings. Under the amendment, any new business or commercial enterprise established within an existing structure, regardless of the building's age or prior use, must install a Knox Box when identified by the Fire Chief as needing rapid emergency access. The change ensures firefighters can enter commercial occupancies quickly during emergencies, reduces delays caused by locked or restricted access, and improves overall public safety without imposing requirements on one- and two-family owner-occupied dwellings.

Attest:
Michelle Hack, RMC
Borough Clerk