

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 ORDINANCE ADOPTION**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the aforementioned Ordinance was introduced and passed upon first reading, by title only, at a meeting of the Stratford Governing Body, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, held on August 13, 2026 and the same Ordinance was duly noticed.

The same Ordinance was further adopted after a second reading by title only, after a public hearing during a meeting of the Stratford Governing Body to be held on September 9, 2026 commencing at 6:30 pm, prevailing time.

All persons interested can view a full copy of the Ordinances from the Office of the Borough Clerk of Stratford.

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