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IN THE VILLAGE OF NORTH RIVERSIDE,
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ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH RIVERSIDE, ILLINOIS
THIS 21ST DAY OF JANUARY 2019

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WHEREAS, the Village of North Riverside, Cook County, Illinois (the Village) is a duly organized and existing municipal corporation created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois and under the provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code, as from time to time supplemented and amended;

WHEREAS, the Village has adopted and enforces various building and life safety codes, including the ICC International Property Maintenance Code and the International Fire Code for the safety of residents and businesses in the Village and to maintain residential and commercial structures in a safe condition;

WHEREAS, the Village's Municipal Code already requires certain structures to have a "knox box system" to allow emergency medical first responders and firefighters rapid entry into buildings during emergencies;

WHEREAS, the North Riverside Fire Department recommends amending the Village's Municipal Code to expand the knox box system requirement to certain multi-family residential structures to allow the same rapid entry and access to interior common areas and other critical areas of buildings for the safety of residents and their property during emergencies; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted by the Illinois Municipal Code and other applicable statutes and ordinances, the corporate authorities of the Village wish to update and amend the Village Municipal Code consistent with this recommendation for the benefit of its residents.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of North Riverside, Cook County, Illinois as follows:

SECTION 1: RECITALS. The above recitals and legislative findings are found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof, as if fully set forth in their entirety.

SECTION 2: Chapter 15.60 of the North Riverside Municipal Code, entitled “Fire Code and Bureau of Fire Prevention,” is hereby amended by adding subsection B. and additional underscored language to existing Section 15.60.132 as follows:

- A. Any building which is required to have a fire alarm system or a fire suppression system shall be equipped with a knox box system. The knox box system shall be installed and maintained at the sole cost and expense of the owner of the building (a building which is required to have a knox box system in accordance with the terms of this chapter shall be referred to herein as "designated building"). No designated building shall be occupied or used for any purpose whatsoever until the knox box system has been installed.

- B. All multi-family residential structures shall be equipped with an exterior knox box system at or near the main entrance of such structure, or at such other location(s) required by the Fire Chief or his or her designee. The knox box system shall be installed and maintained at the sole cost and expense of the owner(s) of the structure. Any such structure shall also be referred to herein as a “designated building” and subject to same requirements and restrictions stated in this chapter or as otherwise applicable under this code.

SECTION 3: REPEALER.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be, and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: SEVERABILITY.

This Ordinance, and every provision hereof, shall be considered severable. In the event that any court of competent jurisdiction may find and declare any word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, provision or section or part of a phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, provision or section of this Ordinance is void or unconstitutional, the remaining words, phrases, clauses, sentences,

paragraphs and provisions and parts of phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, provisions and sections not ruled void or unconstitutional shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 5: EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

ADOPTED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of North Riverside, Cook County, Illinois this 21st day of January 2019, pursuant to a roll call vote, as follows:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Demopoulos, Flores, Mengoni and Sarro

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 21st day of January 2019.

Hubert E. Hermanek, Jr.
Village President

ATTEST:

Kathy Ranieri
Village Clerk