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To the attention of Alpharetta Business/Building Owners

Ref: Updating obsolete Knox Boxes

Our goal at the City of Alpharetta, is to provide the safest place to live, work, and play...

One of the ways we achieve this goal, is by mandating Fire Sprinkler systems in commercial buildings. Along with these Fire Sprinkler systems, we also require Knox Boxes to be affixed to the exterior of buildings that contain Fire Sprinkler systems. Inside these Knox Boxes we house the keys to gain access to the building during an emergency after normal business hours.

In order to provide greater accountability and security, The Knox Company has designed a new electronic key to open the Knox Boxes. This key has many built in security features, and should it be lost or stolen it can be deactivated remotely.

How does this affect Business/Building owners?

The old mechanical lock core in the Knox Box will need to be replaced with the new eCore electrical lock. The Alpharetta Fire Department will install the new eCore at no charge, however, the business/building owner will be required to order and purchase the new eCore (\$229) from Knoxbox.com.

The Building/Business owner will have until 12/31/2023 to comply with this new enhanced security feature from the Knox Company.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "PS" followed by a stylized flourish.

Philip Seabolt

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