CITY OF HACKENSACK
ORDINANCE 2-2010

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY ORDINANCE NO. 15-2008, THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, TO REQUIRE A PERMIT AND INSPECTION PROCESS FOR FIRE ALARM MASTER BOXES.

Section 704.6 is added as follows:

704.6 Master Box Required. All buildings of any use group determined by the Fire Department to have an elevated life hazard shall be required to install a Gamewell Master Box or another box that can connect to the City of Hackensack Municipal Fire Alarm System.

1. The City of Hackensack Fire Department shall notify the owner of a building, or proposed new building if a Master Box is required.

2. Upon such notification, the owner shall obtain a Master Box Permit from the City of Hackensack Fire Department. The fee for the permit shall be $75.00. The permit application must show:
   a. That the Master Box will be installed pursuant to the specifications provided by the Alarm Division of the City of Hackensack Fire Department, conforming to the International Fire Code of New Jersey, NFPA 72, IMSA, and the National Electric Code.
   b. That the mounting height and accessibility of the Box conforms with the Barrier Free Sub Code in the UCC of the State of New Jersey.
   c. The location of the pole and number of the Master Box.

3. The City of Hackensack Fire Department Alarm Division shall terminate wires from the master box to the City of Hackensack Municipal Fire Alarm System.

4. Replacements, upgrades or additions to existing Master Boxes shall be subject to a new permit and a complete operational acceptance test upon completion of the replacement, upgrade or addition.

5. If a master box is required and no circuit wiring is available, the Alarm Division of the City of Hackensack will install the wiring & charge the owner a fee based on the time & material involved in installing the new wiring.

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