



*City Council
of the
City of Augusta, Maine*

August 4, 2008

Title: Ordinance – Rapid Entry to Certain Types of Buildings

WHEREAS, the Fire Department of the City of Augusta has requested rapid access be granted to certain types of buildings in the City of Augusta in the event of a fire or medical emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council, having investigated said request, have determined that it would be in the best interest of the City of Augusta and would protect the safety of the people of the City to provide such rapid entry in the event of said emergencies;

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, By the Mayor and City Council of the City of Augusta that the existing language in Chapter 16, Article III, Section 16-58 be deleted and replaced with the following:

PURPOSE

To establish criteria which provides a method by which the Fire Department may gain rapid entry into specific buildings for lifesaving or fire fighting purposes without forcible entry.

APPLICATION

A. This section shall apply to the following types of buildings:

1. All new or existing buildings that require either a fire alarm or fire suppression system by Maine State Fire or Local Life Safety Code.
2. New residential buildings which contain more than six (6) living units and utilize common corridors to access the living units.
3. All existing residential buildings which contain more than twelve (12) living units and utilize common corridors to access the living units.
4. Buildings containing sensitive materials vital to national security or defense are exempt from the above.

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Introduced by:

Moved By: Stokes Sec'd By: O'Brien
Read and Passed; Final Reading: August 18, 2008

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ATTEST *Barbara E. Wardwell*
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Augusta, Maine
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