| | **DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION** |

Subject/Agenda Item:

Ordinance 2022-09: Click2Enter
First Reading: A City-initiated request for a text amendment that requires gated communities within the City of Greenacres to install Knox-Boxes and Click2Enter to allow access to their development by emergency responders.

[X] Recommendation to APPROVE
[ ] Recommendation to DENY

[ ] Quasi-Judicial
[X] Legislative
[X] Public Hearing

Originating Department:	**Reviewed By:**
Development and Neighborhood Services	Director of Development and Neighborhood Services
Project Manager	
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Caryn Gardner-Young, Zoning Administrator	Kara L. Irwin-Ferris, AICP

Approved By:	Public Notice:
City Manager	[ ] Required
	[X] Not Required
	Dates:
_____	Paper: The Lake Worth Herald
	Mailing
Andrea McCue	[ ] Required
	[X] Not Required
	Notice Distance: _____

Attachments:	**City Council Action:**
• Ordinance 2022-09__	**[ ] Approval**
	[ ] Approve with conditions
	[ ] Denial
	[ ] Continued to: _____

I.   Executive Summary

The City of Greenacres has dozens of gated communities. When emergency responders receive a call from within a gated community, they currently enter the development through a knox-box rapid entry system -- a locked box that contains an electronic key switch. The knox-box system, which is manufactured by the Knox Corporation of Irvine, Calif., forces fire officers to get out of their vehicles, use the knox-box key to open the gate and then lock the gate. At the time, this was the most advanced system available for first responders.

However, there is now available remote-control systems. Click2Enter does away with all of the cumbersome keys, access control codes, and remote-control actuators, because every emergency response vehicle and responder carries the key-their mobile or portable radio transceiver. Just a simple 'click' of the radio transmitter button is all that is required to open gates.

II.   Proposed Zoning Text Amendments:

The following Zoning Code regulations are impacted by the proposed Zoning Text Amendments. Items which are proposed for deletion are in ~~Strike-Through~~, items proposed for addition are in **Single Underline**.

Proposed Change

Chapter 5 – FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION

Sec. 5-11 – Public Safety Access to Gated Communities

(a) In all new and existing developments where the fire department's access is through a gate, barrier arm, or other secured access, there shall be installed a Knox rapid entry system ("Knox box") and a Click2Enter radio transmission system at the development's expense. The Click2Enter system shall be a "C2E" radio transmission system configured to the assigned fire department radio frequency.

(b) New developments, which are developments that have not received a certificate for occupancy for all planned dwelling units and/or the common areas, shall have six (6) months from the date of adoption of this section to install the required Knox box and Click2Enter system as required by this section. Existing developments shall have three (3) years from the date of adoption of this section to install a Knox box and Click2Enter system as required by this section.

(c) For installation of the Click2Enter system, the development shall obtain a building permit and pass final inspection, which shall include approval from the City's Fire Marshall.

(d) Any entity or person who violates any provision of this section or fails to comply therewith shall be subject to a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars ($500.00) for each day said violation shall exist or be permitted to exist and each day shall constitute a separate violation. The City may utilize any legal means available to enforce the provisions of this section including, without limitation, code compliance procedures.

IV.   Staff Analysis:

This is a City staff-initiated code change to provide more efficient and effective gate control devices for use by our first responders. The City currently requires Knox-box rapid entry which forces fire officers to get out of their vehicles, use the knox-box key, open the gate, and then lock the gate. There is now available a system which allows first responders to use their vehicle's radio to access the community's gate controls. By using this method in addition to the Knox-box rapid entry, it will:

1. Improve response times - No keys to find, codes to remember, or calls to dispatch required.

2. Allow mutual aid vehicles to access the community without having to wait for the key to be returned when the first vehicle answers an emergency call.

By requiring the Click2enter system when a new community is developed or when an established community refurbishes its gate, it is providing the community time to obtain the revenue to pay for the new Click 2enter system which is estimated to cost approximately $1,200.00.

The Development Review Committee Staff met on April 14, 2022 and April 21, 2022, to discuss the proposed amendment. No objections were received.

Planning, GIS, and Engineering Department:	No objections
Building Department	Comments Included in the Staff Report
Fire Rescue Department	No objections
Public Works Department	No objections
PBSO District #16	Comments Included in the Staff Report

IV.   Staff Recommendation:

Approval of ZTA- 22-06 through the adoption of Ordinance 2022-09.

CITY COUNCIL ACTION First Reading – May 2, 2022

CITY COUNCIL ACTION Adoption Hearing – May 16, 2022