



## LANCASTER FIRE DEPARTMENT MOST FREQUENT UPDATE REQUIREMENTS FOR OCCUPANCY OF VACANT BUILDINGS



1. **Fire Lanes:** Fire Lanes will be required at all facilities located 150' or greater from the street. A 24' Fire Lane with 30' turning radius is required at each turning access with a 14' vertical clearance. Depending on the size and location of the structure, two means of ingress/egress may be required.
2. **Fire Hydrant:** Depending on the location of facility, one or more Fire Hydrants may be required. The size of the facility will determine if the system will require a true fire loop with Fire Hydrants every 300 feet; no dead end water lines will be allowed.
3. **Fire Sprinkler Systems:** The type of Occupancy determines the type of Fire Sprinkler System that will be required.
4. **Fire Department Access:** One (1) Knox Box will be required at the Fire Sprinkler Riser Door and one (1) Knox Box at the front door of the building.
5. **Fire Sprinkler Riser Room Door:** If a Fire Sprinkler is required, a door will be required near the Riser Room.
6. **Fire Alarm System:** The type of Occupancy determines the type of Fire Alarm System that will be required.
7. **Smoke Evacuation System:** The Fire Code may require a smoke evacuation system with an override system installed in the Riser Room.
8. **Gates:** If the facility has gates, an Infrared Opticom System will be required for both ingress and egress. This system must have a battery back-up or a mechanical release in case of power failure.
9. **Fire Extinguishers:** The Occupancy will determine the type and number of Fire Extinguishers required. Fire Extinguishers must be hung in a visible location in the building. All Fire Extinguishers must be inspected by a licensed fire extinguisher company to certify operability.
10. **Address Numbers:** Address numbers 6" in height are required; however, if the facility exceeds 100 feet in length, address numbers will be 12" in height. Also, if the dock doors are numbered, address numbers 12" in height are required to be above the doors.

**NOTE: It is highly recommended that all prospective property owners wishing to purchase vacant property first contact the Development Review Committee for the City of Lancaster. This will assure the prospective owners are made aware of all Code requirements to bring a particular property up to Code before purchase.**