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An ordinance relating to regulations for access-controlled egress doors and delayed-egress locks.

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This ordinance allows access-controlled egress doors and delayed-egress locks which were installed prior to July 1, 2002, to be used and maintained provided certain criteria are met.

The Mayor and Common Council of the City of Milwaukee do ordain as follows:

Part 1. Section 214-33 of the code is created to read:

**214-33. Access-Controlled Egress Doors.** 1. WHEN ALLOWED. Entrance doors in a means of egress, or entrance doors to a tenant space with a group A (assembly), B (business), E (educational), M (mercantile), R-1 (transient residential) or R-2 (permanent residential; more than 2 dwelling units) occupancy, as identified in the International Building Code, may be equipped with an approved entrance and egress access-control system installed prior to July 1, 2002, provided such system meets all of the following criteria:

- a. A sensor shall be provided on the egress side to detect an occupant approaching the doors. The doors shall unlock upon a signal from, or loss of power to, the sensor.
- b. Loss of power to the part of the access control system that locks the doors shall automatically unlock the doors.
- c. The doors shall be installed such that they may be unlocked from a manual unlocking device located 40 to 48 inches above the floor and within 60 inches of the doors. Unrestricted access to the manual unlocking device shall be provided. The device shall be clearly identified by a sign. When operated, the manual unlocking device shall cause interruption of power to the lock, independent of the access control system electronics, and the doors shall remain unlocked for a minimum of 30 seconds.
- d. If the building has a fire alarm system, the doors shall be automatically unlocked when that system is activated, and shall remain unlocked until the system has been reset.
- e. If the building has an automatic sprinkler or fire detection system, the doors shall be automatically unlocked when that system is activated, and shall remain unlocked until the system has been reset.
- f. Entrance doors on a building with a group A, B, E or M occupancy shall not be secured during periods that the building is open to the general public.

**2. OTHER OCCUPANCIES.** All occupancies not listed in sub. 1 shall be prohibited from having entrance and egress access-control systems unless permission to have such devices is granted by another code which the city has adopted by reference.

**3. APPLICABILITY.** This section applies to all entrance and egress access-control systems installed prior to

July 1, 2002.

Part 2. Section 214-35 of the code is created to read:

**214-35. Delayed-Egress Locks. 1. WHEN ALLOWED.** In a building protected throughout by either a supervised automatic fire sprinkler system or a supervised automatic fire detection system, the exit doors may be equipped with listed, delayed-egress locking devices installed prior to July 1, 2002, provided the locking devices:

- a. Release or unlock upon activation of the sprinkler system or fire detection system.
- b. Release or unlock upon the loss of power to the locking devices.
- c. Release or unlock within 15 seconds whenever a force of not more than 15 pounds is continuously applied to the release device for a period of not more than 3 seconds.
- d. Upon the release or unlocking of the door, activate an audible alarm in the vicinity of the door.
- e. Require the manual re-locking of the doors.
- f. Have a sign adjacent to each locking device indicating how the door may be opened.

**2. USE PROHIBITED OR RESTRICTED.** Delayed locking devices shall not be used on any doors of a community-based residential facility, as defined in s. 295-201-113-b, or doors serving as the main entrance and exit of an assembly hall with a legal capacity exceeding 99 persons. Not more than one locking device may be used in any egress path within a health care center, including a hospital or nursing home.  
APPROVED AS TO FORM

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Legislative Reference Bureau

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IT IS OUR OPINION THAT THE ORDINANCE  
IS LEGAL AND ENFORCEABLE

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Office of the City Attorney

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