

Permit DENIED?

There are some rare occasions where some municipalities are not honoring our license because they feel that we are not allowed to do certain type of work. These issues can be very frustrating to resolve at times. These issues can be resolved by either by going through the Consumer Affairs Alarm Licensing Committee or through Community Affairs Division of Code and Standards. Please see the example below whereby one of our dealers resolved their issue through Consumer Affairs Alarm Licensing Committee. They have asked us to share their resolve with all of you.

At Issue: *This Alarm Company who holds a valid Burglar Alarm and Fire Alarm Business Licensed was being denied a permit to replace magnetic locks on an access control system. The reason given for denying a permit was they needed to be a licensed Locksmith. The correspondence below shows a chain of events to resolve this issue in a positive manor even though it took two weeks to resolve. Reference Sections; 13:31A-1.2, 13:31A-1.14(a)4, 13.31A-3.7*



Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2016 11:04 AM
To: Philameana Tucker
Subject: Card Access System Permitting Question

I was directed to you in hopes of getting the following issue handles. We applied for a permit to change magnetic locks from a standard magnetic lock to a delayed egress type magnetic lock. The permit was denied and the reason given was that we do not have a locksmith specific license and that the device was over 12 volts. From our understanding card access installations are covered under our burglar alarm license and that we could do installations as an exempt contractor up to 30 volts. Can you please clarify this issue for us? Please feel free to contact me for additional information as needed to help clarify this. I can be reached via this email address or on one of the contact phone numbers found below.

Thanks for your help.

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From: Philameana Tucker
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2016 12:50 PM
To: (Dealer Edited)
Subject: RE: Card Access System Permitting Question

Good Morning,

Thank you for contacting me! Because your concern involves a denial of a permit! I am going to bring this matter before the Committee so they can provide a written response. The FBL Advisory Committee meets next Tuesday 21st & there agenda is full but because of the since of urgency in a response I will try & present your matter before them.

If you can also provide more information on your magnetic locking device that would be helpful! Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions. But we will contact you once the Committee has deliberated.

Thank you.

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From: (Dealer Edited)
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2016 1:14 PM
To: Philameana Tucker
Subject: RE: Card Access System Permitting Question

Here are the code provisions for this type of locking system if this helps as well

Delayed Egress- Under general requirements in NFPA 101 2012 LSC 19.1.1.1.7 egress doors are permitted to be locked when necessary to protect patients with conditions such as dementia. Egress door locks are allowed per 19.2.2.2.4 if one of the five following items apply:

1. Where patients pose a security threat or a “clinical” need dictates, locks can comply with 19.2.2.2.5.1 which requires staff to readily unlock doors at all times in accordance with 19.2.2.2.6 that mandates:
 - a. A provision for the rapid removal of occupants by one of the following; #1) remote control locks, #2) keying of all locks to keys carried by staff at all times, and #3) other such reliable means available to the staff at all times.
 - b. Only one locking device per door unless approved by the local AHJ.
2. Where patient “special” needs dictate, locks can comply with 19.2.2.2.5.2 which includes the following requirements:
 - a. Compliance with 19.2.2.2.6.
 - b. A total (complete) smoke detection system. Verify the smoke compartments have smoke detectors in all spaces.

- c. Electrical locks release upon loss of power. Verify magnets are powered to lock.

- 3. Delayed egress locks complying with 7.2.1.6.1. requires in the direction of egress, pressure of no more force than 15lbf and not more than 3 seconds to initiate an irreversible unlock in 15 seconds with an audible alarm requiring manual reset. Signage requirements: "PUSH UNTIL ALARM SOUNDS DOOR CAN BE OPENED IN 15 SECONDS" (can be up to 30 seconds with AHJ approval) with letters not less than 1" high and not less than 1/8" in stroke width on a contrasting background (Kessler, typically white with red letters). Fail to open under power loss and release upon fire alarm activation. Doors must be manually relocked after activation.

- 4. Access-controlled egress locks complying with 7.2.1.6.2. require a sensor on the egress side to detect approaching occupant, fail safe device to unlock upon power loss (Push button release, is required as back-up to a motion sensor), and release upon fire alarm activation. Buttons are within 5' of the door, and at an elevation between 40" and 48" above the floor. Upon activation, door remains unlocked for minimum 30 seconds.

- 5. Approved existing door-locking installation. Requires approval letter from AHJ allowing the special locking arrangement.

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From: Philameana Tucker
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2016 12:00 PM
To: (Dealer Edited)
Subject: RE: Card Access System Permitting Question

Good Morning,

The FBL Advisory Committee has review your question and here is the official response. Because of recent inquiries concerning this matter. This official letter has been reviewed and approved also by the State Board of Electrical Contractors as well as the Deputy Attorney General. We have also forward this correspondence to the Division of Community Affairs notifying **All** townships of the same.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me!

Thank you.

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