The Codeword is used to clarify provisions of the Harris County Fire Code. The sole intent is to make clear acceptable practice.

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Subject: Electronic Locks

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Question: When are electronic locks allowed in Harris County?

Answer: Electronic locking devices are allowed in the occupancies listed in the reference code section and when approved by the Building Official and the Fire Marshal.

Electronic devices may be approved to meet specialized security needs including, but not limited to, Alzheimer units, money-handling rooms, and night operations of motel lobbies and limited access facilities.

Approval will require the door to be monitored by on-site personnel trained in the method to release the locking device at all times when the building or space is occupied.

A separate permit is required for specific approval of each locking device. A permit may be revoked by the Building Official for due cause.

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Harris County Texas

Fire Marshal
Harris County, Texas

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