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BUILDING AND SITE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION POLICY FOR
EXTERIOR EGRESS DOOR LOCKS & LATCHES

IBC Sec: 1008.1.9 Doors shall be readily openable for the egress side without the use of a key or special knowledge.

IBC Sec: 1008.1.9.1 Prohibits the use of hardware which requires tight pinching or twisting of the wrist on egress doors required to be accessible. **Therefore deadbolt locks using a thumb turn are not allowed.** Levers, paddles or panics shall be provided.

IBC Sec: 1008.10 Panic and Fire Exit Hardware. Egress doors in A & E use groups with occupancy load of 50 or more shall not have locks or latches unless it is panic or fire exit hardware.

EXCEPTION:

IBC Sec: 1008.1.9.3 Locks and latches shall be permitted to prevent operation of doors where any of the following exists:

1. Places of detention or restraint.
2. In buildings occupancy Group A having an occupant load of 300 or less, Group B, F, M and S, and in places of religious worship, the main exterior door or doors are permitted to be equipped with key-operated locking devices from the egress side provided:
   - **2.1 The locking device is readily distinguishable as locked.**
   - 2.2 A readily visible durable sign is posted on the egress side on or adjacent to the door stating:

     THIS DOOR TO REMAIN UNLOCKED WHEN BUILDING IS OCCUPIED.

     The sign shall be in letters 1 inch high on a contrasting background.

This policy is being set forth and approved by:

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