

Key Pad Electronic Locksets - News

New rules: The Board has replaced the rules regarding corridor door locks for units at The Vaux. The new rules more simply require that owners obtain Board approval prior to installing a new corridor lock. Purchase and installation is at the cost of the unit owner.

A key pad electronic lockset was recently approved by the Board and installed at the unit of board member Paul Block.

According to board member Hal Barwood (who has an earlier version of a key pad lockset): Owners are not obliged to duplicate Paul's efforts. They just have to present a choice that gets approved by the Board. The Board must be satisfied that operation will be reliable. Uniform appearance to blend with The Vaux aesthetic is critical. For example, the Trilogy keypad (Paul's installation) is new, but the handle looks like every other door at The Vaux.

An example: I visited Paul Block's unit to get more details. I learned:

- Paul purchased the Trilogy T2 DL2700 on Amazon. Here's a link = <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B000ZHD0F0>
 - I've included photos of Paul's installation below.
- Make sure to get the satin chrome finish.
- The lockset also has a manual key (in case the batteries fail or you forget your code).
 - You can still use your existing keys
- It's powered by 5 AA batteries (included).
 - Paul was told that the batteries should be alkaline, and would last about 1 year.
- It locks automatically when you close the door.
- The handle is reversible, for left- or right-hand operations.

- The installer Paul used was Locks on Wheels at 503-668-3446. The owner is Liz Gaiser.
 - Here's their website = <http://www.locksonwheelsinc.com/>
 - Paul paid \$300 for installation (did not re-install the deadbolt).
- **Deadbolt?:** Note that the new lock unit covers over the space that had been used for the separate deadbolt lock. If you wish the added safety of a deadbolt lock, discuss with your installer ahead of time. Deadbolts have pros and cons. They add extra security, making it harder to break into a unit. However, if for some reason you can't get out of bed or up off the floor and need 9-1-1, you can give the EMTs a combo over the phone and they can enter without smashing the door. Likewise, when you're away and someone needs entry (to check a leak, say) you can let them in from wherever you are.

Combinations: Hal recommends setting up multiple combinations and recording them somewhere besides your memory. So, if you need to grant access to strangers (contractors, say, or Tross for some reason) you can give out a combination and change it later without need of a locksmith.

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