

## Proposed Code Amendment – Portable Storage Containers

### Article I

#### 10.012 Definitions, Specific.

Portable Storage Containers. A portable, weather-resistant receptacle designed and used for the storage or shipment of household goods, wares, building materials or merchandise. “Portable Storage Containers” shall include all shipping containers, cargo containers, tractor trailers (with or without wheels), and other like items not intended to be placed on a permanent foundation.

### Article V

#### 10.840 Temporary Uses and Structures

##### D. Types of Temporary Uses and /or Temporary Structures

###### (6) Portable Storage Containers.

a. Portable storage containers, as a temporary use, are permitted only on private property in C-R, C-H, I-L, I-G and I-H zoning districts.

b. Portable storage containers shall not be located within the public right-of-way.

c. A Temporary Portable Storage Permit is required for any portable storage container.

d. Temporary Portable Storage Permits will only be issued for the use of temporary portable storage containers as a periodic, intermittent, or recurring use accessory to a permitted primary use.

e. A maximum of one Temporary Portable Storage Permit may be issued per individual property during any 12 month period.

f. Portable storage containers shall be permitted for no more than 120 days.

g. In no case shall storage containers be located in required yards, landscape areas, open space, retention basins, drive aisles, required parking spaces and loading areas, fire lanes, or any other location that may cause hazardous conditions, constitute a threat to public safety, or create a condition detrimental to surrounding land uses and development.

h. Portable storage containers shall be placed outside of required setback areas and shall be placed a minimum of 10 feet from all property lines.

i. Portable storage containers shall be screened from all public rights-of-way and neighboring properties. The required screening can be accomplished by using enclosures made of solid wood, brick, or masonry block which conceal them from view; by placing the containers out of view behind existing structures; or by using a combination of these two methods.

j. Portable storage containers shall be placed on a surface consistent with Section 9.550 of the City Code.

k. A maximum of 20 storage containers shall be allowed for an individual use or parcel of land.

l. Application Requirements for Portable Storage Containers:

1. To obtain a Temporary Portable Storage Permit, an application must be filed with the Planning Department, on a form provided, a minimum of 60 days prior to the proposed placement date of such containers. The application shall include the appropriate filing fee, the information required on the form, and the following information:

i. The proposed number of portable storage containers to be located on the site.  
ii. The proposed use of the storage containers.  
iii. The proposed size of the storage containers.  
iv. A site plan (to scale) showing the proposed location of the portable storage container(s) in relation to existing buildings, required yards, landscape areas, open space, retention basins, drive aisles, required parking spaces and loading areas, fire lanes, and any other locations that may cause hazardous conditions, constitute a threat to public safety, or create a condition detrimental to surrounding land uses and developments. The site plan shall also demonstrate compliance with Sections 10.840(6)h & j.

v. Elevations demonstrating compliance with the screening requirements of Section 10.840(6)i.

vi. The proposed amount of time (include start date and end date) that the portable storage container(s) will be on the property.

2. The permit application will be routed for comments to the following departments: Fire, Building Safety, Police, Engineering, Code Enforcement, Planning, and any other department that may have an interest in this type of permit application.

3. Once all comments are received, if the permit application is found to be in compliance with the standards of this Code, the permit application will be approved and a copy provided to the applicant.

4. If the permit application is found **not** to be in compliance with the standards of this Code, the permit application will be returned to the applicant with a letter indicating the reason why the application was not approved. The applicant will be allowed to modify the permit application and resubmit it for reconsideration two times without payment of an additional fee.