

Chapter 5.40

STORAGE CONTAINERS

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5.40.10 Definitions

“Shipping containers” refer to storage containers designed for the storing and moving of freight and cargo.

“Personal storage containers” or “personal containers” refer to large storage containers designed for the storage and movement of personal property.

5.40.20 Permit required

The permanent placement of personal storage or shipping containers is banned for all residential (R) zoning districts. Temporary placement in the R zoning districts is allowed if a permit is received, for each container, from the city.

5.40.30 Restrictions in Residential (R) Districts

The placing of personal storage containers and/or shipping containers, for the sole purpose of packing, loading, and/or unloading, is permitted for up to five (5) calendar days within residential (R) zoning districts. A permit is required to leave a container placed on the residential property after a consecutive five (5) day period. The permit will be good for ten (10) calendar days. If a permitted personal or shipping container is left dormant after the ten (10) day timeframe, it will be a violation of this ordinance. The cost to apply for a permit will be five dollars (\$5).

5.40.40 Permit Renewal

Individual permits may not be extended but the applicant may reapply for an additional permit upon or immediately before the expiration of the currently issued permit. Each container may be permitted up to a total of three (3) times, once initially and with two ten (10) day extensions, for a total of thirty (30) calendar days. Each application will be assessed the five-dollar (\$5) permit fee. The issuance of the initial permit and any subsequent permits will be at the sole discretion of the City.

5.40.50 Enforcement

It shall be the duty of any law enforcement officer or employee of the City to ensure all temporarily placed personal or shipping containers have received the necessary permit by the end of the five (5) day grace period in R districts. Containers found out of compliance with this ordinance shall be given a reasonable time to be brought into compliance. Failure to do so in a timely manner or a refusal to cooperate will constitute a violation of this ordinance.

5.40.60 Violations - Penalty

Any person or entity found in violation of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) and every subsequent day such a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

5.40.70 Impoundment

If any person or entity refuses to comply and continues to be in violation of this ordinance, the City may remove the container from the premises. Within forty-eight (48) hours of removal, the City will notify the owner of the container, if known, and the owner or occupant of the property from which the container was removed. The notice shall give the location of where the container is stored and the cost incurred by the City for removal to be paid by the violator.

The owner or renter of any seized container may redeem such container, and the property stored within, any time after its removal upon proof of ownership or renter status and payment to the impoundment lot operator for any fees and expenses associated with the removal and storage.