

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDINANCE REGULATING PORTABLE  
STORAGE/SHIPPING CONTAINERS**

**A. Portable Storage/Shipping Containers**

1. **Purpose.** The purpose of this Section is to provide for the public health, safety and general welfare of the community and its people through the establishment of standards to ensure that portable storage/shipping containers, as defined herein, are used for the short-term, temporary storage and transport of personal property; are not used as accessory buildings; and do not impede vehicular access, traffic flow or circulation, or create public safety hazards. It is the intent of this Section that portable storage/shipping containers be placed on private property unless space is not available, in which case placement within a public right-of-way may be allowed with a right-of-way permit from, and at the discretion of, the City of Ostrander.

**2. General Regulations:**

a. **Definition.** For the purposes of this section, portable storage/shipping containers shall be defined as any container designed to store or ship personal property and which is typically rented to owners or occupants of residences and intended to be delivered, temporarily used, and removed by truck. Said definition shall also include any enclosed or open trailer used for storage of items on the premises where the trailer is located and not for the purpose of transporting items from one location to another. Said definition also includes any box car or other railway cars, and any truck box not affixed and a part of a licensed and operational truck.

b. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of any City ordinance or regulation, or relevant provisions of the International Building Code which may allow use as a component of a principal residential use, portable storage/shipping containers located outside of a fully-enclosed building or structure shall be regulated in any zoning district with the following restrictions:

1) **Permit.** If the portable storage/shipping container is located on private property, a Portable Storage Unit permit shall be obtained from the City of Ostrander.

2) **Maximum number and time limits.** A maximum of one ( 1) portable storage/shipping container shall be allowed no more than two (2) times on any parcel for a period no longer than fourteen (14) consecutive days within in any 12-month period. An extension may be granted by the Administrator for a defined period. Said extension shall be based solely on the active construction activities occurring on said parcel for which the portable storage/shipping container is used as part of said construction.

3) **Location or placement.** Portable storage/shipping containers shall be placed on a paved surface when possible and shall meet all minimum setback requirements of the district. When space is not available on site, no more than one (1) portable storage/shipping container may be placed in a public right-of-way in a legal parking space, and then only with the approval from the City of Ostrander. Said approval shall be stated on the permit.

4) **Dimensions.** No portable storage/shipping container shall have dimensions greater than twenty (20) feet in length, eight (8) feet in width, and eight (8) feet in height.

5) **Signs.** Other than the required city permit(s) and ownership identification, no advertising sign shall be attached to a portable storage/shipping container.

6) **Maintenance.** All portable storage/shipping containers shall be maintained in a condition free from rust, peeling paint and other visible forms of deterioration.