

# Residential Storage Containers

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# Questions From Last Meeting:

- Should storage containers be prohibited only in residential within City limits, or should it extend into the ETZ?
- How should the City handle storage containers in commercial and industrial zoning districts?
- Can the suggested requirements be enforced?

# 2024 International Building Code: Section 202 Definitions

**Intermodal Shipping Container.** A six-sided steel unit originally constructed as a general cargo container used for the transport of goods and materials.

# Findings

- After further discussion with the Building Department, it was determined that City staff would be willing to enforce prohibiting storage containers in the Rural Residential (RR) zoning district.
- Although storage containers will be permitted in commercial and industrial zoning districts, they will have to be screened from adjacent rights-of-way and from adjacent properties as per the screening requirements for outdoor storage.

# Suggestion:

## **Notes to Tables 62-162-2 and 62-162-3.**

*“Note 7: All allowable accessory **buildings structures** to a residence shall be limited to a maximum of 1,800 **square feet** and for a maximum of three detached structures for the first one acre or less. The total area of all accessory **buildings structures** may be increased by 70 square feet for each additional one-tenth acre of land area above one acre.*

*Accessory **buildings structures** shall include the following: barns, stable, storage buildings, and detached personal vehicle garages. **Intermodal storage containers as defined in the International Building Code are not permitted in the RR, R-1, R-2, R-3, MH, or DC zoning districts for a period of greater than 30 days. In all other zoning districts, storage containers shall be subject to outdoor storage screening requirements.**”*

Comments? Questions?