



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Presenter:	Ilya Gutman
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, April 25, 2023
Category:	CONSENT AGENDA
Type:	INFO/ACTION
Subject:	Introduction of Ordinance Amending Section 86-248 Outside storage and Call for Public Hearing
Background Information:	<p>This section was amended several years ago to allow a single shipping container in a general business district as an interim use permit. This change was a result of a specific request since prior to that shipping containers were not permitted in business districts. However, after some conversations – internal and external – staff concluded that a limitation of just one shipping container may be relaxed because the ordinance requires a fencing around to mask them from public right of way anyway, and, on the other hand, also allows open storage behind fences.</p> <p>The proposed change will limit the total area of containers rather than the number of them, with suggested number being an equivalent of three 40’ x 8’ containers; a limitation of the area as a percentage of the building area on site will allow avoiding multiple containers placed next to smaller buildings, which would look disproportionate. This will also encourage owners to build an addition if a larger storage area is desired. Additionally, the change will allow storage units other than standard shipping containers, again, due to the reason they will be fenced off anyway and will not be visible.</p> <p>These changes have been presented at the Legislative & Ordinance Committee April 4, 2023, and recommended for approval.</p> <p>At the April 12, 2023, regular Planning Commission meeting, Muchlinski made a motion, second by Deutz to recommend to city council an approval as recommend by staff. All voted in favor of the motion.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	None
Alternative/ Variations:	None recommended
Recommendations:	Staff recommends that the Council introduce the Ordinance Amending Sections 86-248 Outside storage and Call for Public Hearing to be held on May 9, 2023.