



**CITY OF MARSHALL
LEGISLATIVE & ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
AGENDA ITEM REPORT**

Presenter:	Ilya Gutman
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, April 4, 2023
Category:	NEW BUSINESS
Type:	INFO/ACTION
Subject:	86-248 Outside Storage
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 came to the conclusion 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. These changes have not been presented at the Planning Commission yet.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	None
Alternative/ Variations:	None recommended
Recommendations:	Staff recommends the recommendation to the City Council approving the revisions amending Section 86-248 Outside storage.