

## **Section 86-248 Outside Storage**

- (a) In all classes of residential districts, open storage and accumulation of materials and equipment shall be prohibited. In all other zoning districts, open storage of materials and equipment shall be prohibited in the required front, side, and rear yards, except storage shall be allowed in the required rear yard in industrial districts. Unless prohibited elsewhere in the ordinance, any other outside storage, including outdoor storage tanks, shall be located or screened so as not to be visible from public right-of-way, public parks or any lot within 500 feet in any of the classes of business or residence districts, except in industrial and agricultural zoning districts screening from public right-of-way is not required. The screening may be achieved by fencing or landscaping means compliant with section 86-247. In all classes of business districts, the storage area shall be paved to control dust and erosion and shall be properly maintained. Temporary storage of building materials intended for construction use on premises shall be allowed during ongoing construction and up to two weeks prior to construction and is exempt from the above requirements provided a valid building permit is obtained.
- (b) Outdoor display of retail merchandise intended for sale or rent and open to public shall be allowed in all classes of business and industrial districts. In all classes of business districts, the display area, except live plants sales area, shall be so designated and paved to control dust and erosion and facilitate moving of displayed products. Except licensed automobile, motorcycle, off-road vehicle, and boat sales lots, and small motorized farm and lawn care equipment sales, the display area shall not be located in the required front and side yards. Outdoor display areas adjacent to any of the classes of residence districts shall be screened by fencing or landscaping means compliant with section 86-247. Outdoor display area shall be adequately lighted.
- (c) Outdoor display and sale shall be allowed in all classes of residential districts and residential properties within other zoning districts during garage and yard sales only. The display area shall be located entirely within the pertinent residential property.
- (1) Any related signage shall be limited to premises and to other private properties provided permission from the property owners is obtained; all signage shall be erected not earlier than one-day before sale and shall be removed at the termination of the sale. Such signs shall be limited to three square feet each.
  - (2) There shall be no more than four garage sales conducted during any period of 12 calendar months; there shall be no more than two garage sales conducted during any period of 30 calendar days; there shall be no garage sales conducted for more than four consecutive days; and there shall be no garage sales conducted before 7:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m.
- (d) Building enlargement and expansions over 50 percent of existing building footprint area, construction of additional buildings on site, or changes of use resulting in new exterior storage or display area shall cause an exterior storage/display area review by city staff for ordinance compliance.
- (e) Trash, garbage, refuse, recycling materials or any other items intended for disposal shall be stored in designated containers or dumpsters which, with the exception of R-1 and R-2 residence districts, shall be located within areas set for collection of garbage as prescribed by section 50-23. In R-1 and R-2 residence districts trash cans shall not be stored in the required front yard except on the day of garbage collection. In R-1 and R-2 residence districts furniture and other bulky items may be left at the curb for pick up by the licensed garbage hauler or anywhere in the front yard for anyone to take for no more than 48 hours. In all classes of business and industrial districts, similar items intended for disposal may be piled together for temporary storage no longer than six months within garbage collection areas in a single stack not higher than five feet and with area no more than 100 square feet.

- (1) In all classes of multiple-family and business districts, garbage collection areas shall be paved and fully enclosed with secured access and shall not be located in the required front yard. The enclosure shall be between five and six feet high and fully opaque. If it is located next to the building, it shall be finished with materials matching the exterior of the building.
  - (2) Temporary construction dumpsters intended for demolition and other construction debris may be located outside of such enclosures during ongoing construction and up to one week before and after construction provided a valid building permit is displayed on site. No temporary construction dumpster shall be set on public right-of-way or public parking lot unless a city permit is secured.
- (f) Storage containers, including, but not limited to, trailers, semi-trailers, cargo and shipping containers, PODS, and dumpsters, are not allowed as permanent storage units in all classes of residential or business districts. Utilization of a single unit is allowed for temporary storage for no more than 30 days in a calendar year; the 30 days limit may be extended up to 180 days by an interim use permit. The above limitations do not apply to temporary construction dumpsters as regulated in subsection (e). As an exception, shipping containers totaling less than 340 square feet may be permitted by an interim use permit in a B-3 general business district, with the following conditions:
- (1) The containers shall not be placed in any front or side yard or required rear yard.
  - (2) The containers shall be located so as not to be visible from public right-of-way, public parks, or any lot within 500 feet in any of the classes of residence districts. It may be screened by fencing or landscaping means compliant with section 86-247.
  - (3) The containers shall be new or freshly painted with neutral colors with no painted signage, lettering, or advertising and shall be properly maintained.
  - (4) The interim use permit shall expire when the property changes ownership.
- (g) In all classes of residential districts, a licensed boat, open or closed trailer, camper, motor-home, recreational vehicle or other motorized vehicle, but no more than three units, may be stored outside on the property as regulated in section 74-131. One snowmobile, ATV, golf cart, riding mower, trailer, boat, or camper can be displayed for sale in the front yard, provided it has not been purchased or consigned for resale and is not displayed for longer than seven consecutive days or longer than 30 days in a calendar year. No storage or accumulation of any materials in trailers is permitted.

(Code 1976, § 11.19(3)(A)(2); Ord. No. 687, § 1, 6-10-2014; Ord. No. 749 2nd series, § 1, 6-23-2020; Ord. No. 21-002, § 1, 4-27-2021)

**Editor's note(s)**—Ord. No. 687, § 1, adopted June 10, 2014, amended the title of § 86-248 to read as set out herein. Previously § 86-248 was titled storage of materials.