

ARTICLE III. - PORTABLE STORAGE UNITS

FOOTNOTE(S):

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Editor's note— Ord. No. 2002-0810, § 2, adopted Mar. 26, 2002 amended Art. III to read as herein set out. Former Art. III, §§ 54-50—54-58 pertained to similar subject matter and derived from Ord. No. 785, §§ 2, adopted July 24, 2001.

Sec. 54-50. - Definitions.

For the purpose of this section the following definitions shall apply:

Portable storage unit means any container designed for the storage of personal property which is typically rented to owners or occupants of property for their temporary use and which is delivered and removed by truck.

Site means a piece, parcel, tract, or plot of land occupied or to be occupied by one or more buildings or uses and their accessory buildings and accessory uses which is generally considered to be one unified parcel.

(Ord. No. 2002-0810, § 2, 3-26-2002)

Sec. 54-51. - Number, duration and removal.

- (a) *Portable storage units for on-site storage.* There shall be no more than one portable storage unit per site no larger than eight feet wide, 16 feet long and eight feet high. No portable storage unit shall remain at a site in a residential district in excess of three consecutive days. No portable storage units for on-site storage are permitted on a site if any portable storage units for transport as defined in subsection (b) are on the site.
- (b) *Portable storage units for transport.* There may be up to two portable storage units, no larger than five feet wide, seven feet long, and eight feet high each, at a site in a residential district for a period not in excess of three consecutive days when such units are being used for loading or unloading goods in connection with the transport of the goods, to or from storage, or, to or from another residential or nonresidential location. No portable storage units for transport are permitted on a site if any portable storage units for on-site storage as defined in subsection (a) are on the site.
- (c) *Cumulative time restriction.* No portable storage units as defined in subsections (a) and (b) above shall be placed at any one site in a residential district in excess of six days in any calendar year. No portable storage unit as defined in subsections (a) and (b) above shall remain at a site in a nonresidential district in excess of 14 consecutive days, and portable storage units as defined in subsections (a) and (b) above shall not be placed at any one site in a nonresidential district in excess of 28 days in any calendar year.

(Ord. No. 2002-0810, § 2, 3-26-2002)

Sec. 54-52. - Removal of portable storage units in the event of a hurricane warning.

Notwithstanding the time limitations set forth in section 54-51, all portable storage units shall be removed immediately upon the issuance of a hurricane warning by a recognized government agency.

(Ord. No. 2002-0810, § 2, 3-26-2002)

Sec. 54-53. - Signage.

A portable storage unit shall have no signage other than the name, address and telephone number of the person or firm engaged in the business of renting or otherwise placing the portable storage unit.

(Ord. No. 2002-0810, § 2, 3-26-2002)

Sec. 54-54. - Maintenance and prohibition of hazardous materials.

The owner and operator of any site on which a portable storage unit is placed shall be responsible to ensure that the portable storage unit is in good condition, free from evidence of deterioration, weathering, discoloration, rust, ripping, tearing or other holes or breaks. When not in use, the portable storage unit shall be kept locked. The owner and operator of any site on which a portable storage unit is placed shall also be responsible that no hazardous substances, as defined in section 34-63 of this Code, are stored or kept within the portable storage unit.

(Ord. No. 2002-0810, § 2, 3-26-2002)

Sec. 54-55. - Residential area or district.

In residential areas or districts, portable storage units shall generally be placed only in a driveway or, if alley access exists at the rear of the site, in the rear yard. However, if the zoning administrator determines that there is no driveway available for placement of a portable storage unit and no alley access at the rear of the site exists, the zoning administrator shall allow placement of a portable storage unit in the front yard, or rather that the placement of such portable storage unit does not obstruct the free, convenient, and normal use of said public right-of-way.

(Ord. No. 2002-0810, § 2, 3-26-2002)

Sec. 54-56. - Nonresidential area or district.

In nonresidential areas or districts, portable storage units shall generally be placed only in the rear or side portion of a site. Under no circumstances shall a portable storage unit be placed in an area fronting a street or road, or in the front parking lot of a commercial establishment. The placement of portable storage units in fire lanes, passenger loading zones, commercial loading zones or public rights-of-way shall be strictly prohibited unless approved by the zoning administrator.

(Ord. No. 2002-0810, § 2, 3-26-2002)

Sec. 54-57. - Permits.

It shall be unlawful for any person to place, or permit the placement of, one or more portable storage unit(s) on property which he or she owns, rents, occupies or controls without first having obtained a permit therefor. Application for a permit shall be made to the zoning administrator on a form provided by the zoning administrator. The application shall include the signature of the property owner or the property owner's agent in order to ensure that the property owner has full knowledge of, and consents to, placement of the portable storage unit on his or her property and the provisions of this article. A permit fee in an amount to be established by resolution of the city commission shall accompany the application. The issuance of a permit shall allow the applicant to place portable storage units on the property in conformance with the requirements of this chapter. The permit shall be posted in plain view at the site.

(Ord. No. 2002-0810, § 2, 3-26-2002)