



CITY OF PORTERVILLE

Community Development - Planning Division

Cargo Container Permit Application

Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ **Contact Telephone/ Email:** _____

Number of Containers: _____ **Time Frame:** _____
Date to be placed Date to be removed Number of days Already in place

Explain need for containers: _____

Will hazardous materials be stored in container(s)? Yes No

If yes, what types of hazardous materials? _____

***Site plan is required**

Staff Use Only

Short Term

Approved By _____

Long Term (Less than/up to 3)

Field Checks _____

Long Term (More than 3)

Mitigation Factors _____

Requirements for Use of Cargo/Shipping Containers

Use of Cargo/Shipping Containers as Temporary Non-Standard Development; Short Term: Where appropriate and necessary for short term use, the Zoning Administrator may approve of cargo/shipping containers in Commercial and Industrial zone districts associated with an existing development for additional storage capacity subject to the following specific criteria:

- The number of containers is limited to one per business or parcel, whichever results in fewer containers per site.
- The cargo/shipping container shall not remain on site for longer than 100 days.
- The placement of the cargo/shipping container shall be such that it does not interfere with the permanent site improvements, including but not limited to, parking loading areas, on-site circulation, and accessibility.
- The placement of the cargo/shipping container shall not encroach into required setbacks, and must not be visible from off site or public streets.
- Use of a cargo/shipping container may be granted subject to payment of an adopted fee for a Ministerial Temporary Structure Permit. Use of cargo/shipping containers in manners not consistent with this section, may only be authorized by the City Council.

Use of Cargo/Shipping Containers as Temporary Non- Standard Development; Long Term- three (3) of fewer containers: Where appropriate and necessary for longer term use, the Zoning Administrator may approve use of cargo/shipping containers in Commercial and Industrial zone districts associated with an existing development for additional storage capacity subject to the following specific criteria:

- The number of containers allowed shall not exceed three (3) containers.
- The time period requested shall be specified by the applicant. Final expiration of the permit shall be coterminous with the permit expiration date approved by the Zoning Administrator. Extensions will not be permitted. However, the applicant may apply for another long term, administrative, permit. Failure to obtain the renewed permit could result in Code Enforcement action and associated fines.
- The placement of the cargo/shipping container shall be such that it does not interfere with the permanent site improvements, including but not limited to, parking loading areas, on-site circulation, and accessibility.
- The placement of the cargo/shipping container shall not encroach into required setbacks, and must not be visible from off site or public streets.
- Use of a cargo/shipping container may be granted subject to payment of an adopted fee for a Zoning Administrator permit application plus an initial fee for the first site visit and an annual fee applicable upon approval. The annual fee would apply for any year or portion thereof the container continues to be stored on site.
- The Zoning Administrator may require additional conditions intended to ensure the use does not create blight.

Use of Cargo/Shipping Containers as Temporary Non-Standard Development; Long Term; more than three (3) container: Where appropriate and necessary for longer term use, the Council may approve use of cargo/shipping containers in Commercial and Industrial zone districts associated with an existing development for additional storage capacity subject to the following specific criteria:

- The number of containers allowed would be determined by Council.
- The time period requested shall be specified by the applicant. Final expiration of the permit shall be coterminous with the permit expiration date approved by Council. Extensions will not be permitted. However, the applicant may apply for another long term, discretionary, permit. Failure to obtain the renewed permit could result in Code Enforcement action and associated fines.
- The placement of the cargo/shipping container shall be such that it does not interfere with the permanent site improvements, including but not limited to, parking loading areas, on-site circulation, and accessibility.
- The placement of the cargo/shipping container shall not encroach into required setbacks, and must not be visible from off site or public streets.
- Use of Cargo/shipping container may be granted subject to payment of an adopted fee for a Discretionary Temporary Structure Permit application with a monthly fee applicable upon approval and commencing at 100 days of use. The fee would apply for any month or portion thereof the container continues to be stored on site.
- Council may require additional conditions intended to ensure the use does not create blight.

In accordance to resolution 15-2014, the fees are as follows; Short Term = \$296, Long Term (up to three containers) = \$138 for those receiving the permit before January 1, 2015, and \$217 after January 1, 2015, Long Term (more than three containers) = \$454 + \$79/six month period or portion thereof.