

**ORDINANCE NO. 693
2ND SERIES**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 10.03 FOR THE PURPOSES OF
REGULATING THE USE OF PORTABLE STORAGE/SHIPPING CONTAINERS
WITHIN THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA**

The City Council of the City of Alexandria does **ORDAIN**:

SECTION I. That Section 10.03, Subdivision 2 of the Alexandria City Code is hereby amended by the addition of the following:

K. Portable Storage/Shipping Containers

Subd. 1. **PURPOSE.** The purpose of this Section is to provide for the public health, safety and general welfare of the community and its people through the establishment of standards to insure that portable storage/shipping containers as defined herein are used for the short-term, temporary storage and transport of personal property; are not used as accessory buildings; and do not impede vehicular access, traffic flow or circulation, or create public safety hazards. It is the intent of this Section that portable storage/shipping containers be placed on private property unless space is not available, in which case placement within a public right-of-way may be allowed with a right-of-way permit from, and at the discretion of, the Alexandria Public Works Department.

Subd. 2. **GENERAL REGULATIONS:**

A. *Definition.* For the purposes of this section, portable storage/shipping containers shall be defined as any container designed to store or ship personal property and which is typically rented to owners or occupants of residences and intended to be delivered, temporarily used, and removed by truck.

B. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of any City ordinance or regulation, or relevant provisions of the International Building Code which may allow use as a component of a principal residential use, portable storage/shipping containers located outside of a fully-enclosed building or structure shall be regulated in residential zoning districts or for a residential use in any other district with the following restrictions:

1. *Permit.* If the portable storage/shipping container is located on private property, a Portable Storage Unit permit shall be obtained from the City of Alexandria. If the portable storage/shipping container is located on public property, a right-of-way permit shall be obtained from Alexandria Public Works Department.
2. *Maximum number and time limits.* In residential zoning districts or for a residential use in any other district, a maximum of one (1) portable storage/shipping container shall be allowed no more than two (2) times on any parcel for a period no longer than fourteen (14) consecutive days within in any 12-month period. An extension may be granted by the Alexandria Zoning Administrator for a defined period.
3. *Location or placement.* In residential zoning districts or for a residential use in any other district, portable storage/shipping containers shall be placed on a paved surface in a driveway or parking space and shall meet all minimum setback requirements of the district when possible. When space is not available on site, no more than one (1) portable storage/shipping container may be placed in a public right-of-way in a legal parking space and only with the approval and right-of-way permit from the Alexandria Public Works Department.
4. *Dimensions.* No portable storage/shipping container located in residential zoning districts or a residential use in any other district shall have dimensions greater than twenty (20) feet in length, eight (8) feet in width, and eight (8) feet in height.
5. *Signs.* Other than the required city permit(s) and ownership identification, no advertising sign shall be attached to a portable storage/shipping container.
6. *Maintenance.* All portable storage/shipping containers shall be maintained in a condition free from rust, peeling paint and other visible forms of deterioration.

SECTION II. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Alexandria this 23rd day of December, 2013, by the following vote:


YES: BATESOLE, THALMAN, MILLER, BENSON, JENSEN

NO: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ATTEST:


Martin D. Schultz, City Administrator


Sara Carlson, Mayor