

**CITY OF WATSON
CHIPPEWA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-02

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING
THE REGULATION OF TEMPORARY PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS**

The City Council of the City of Watson ordains:

Section 1. Definitions. Title XV, Section 151.04 of the Watson City Code is hereby amended by adding a new definition as follows:

TEMPORARY PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINER. An enclosed unit that is constructed to be durable and portable, is capable of movement from one site to another by truck or trailer, that can be or is used for the storage of personal property, and that is located outside of an enclosed building. The term includes, but is not limited to, storage box shipping containers, storage moving “pods,” or any other similar portable storage containers, regardless of whether it has wheels or a chassis. The term does not include a construction trailer of a licensed contractor when placed at a construction site will actively engaged in a construction project at the site.

Section 2. Accessory Uses. Title XV, Section 151.21(C) of the Watson City Code is hereby amended as follows:

(C) *Accessory uses.*

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(3) A temporary portable storage container in a residential district, provided it is kept in compliance with all of the following:

(a) No more than one temporary portable storage container may be kept on a property at anytime.

(b) The temporary portable storage container may be on a property for no more than 30 consecutive days, or no more than a cumulative of 60 days in any calendar year. The keeping of a temporary portable storage container in excess of either of these limits shall require a interim use permit from the City.

(c) The temporary portable storage container shall comply with the detached accessory building setback requirements in Section 151.21(E)(4) of the City Code.

(d) The temporary portable storage container shall not be placed on the paved portion of a public street, on a sidewalk, or in any way so as to render dangerous for travel a public right-of-way or interfere with maintenance of any portion of the right-of-way.

(e) The temporary portable storage container shall not exceed 160 square feet;

(f) The temporary portable storage container shall not exceed 8 feet in height.

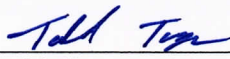
(g) The temporary portable storage container shall be of a neutral color on at least 75 percent of the exterior surface, excluding the bottom.

(h) The temporary portable storage container shall be maintained in a reasonably sound condition, with no visible holes, rust, or peeling paint.

(i) The temporary portable storage container shall have attached to it a placard that includes the date of placement on the property, the date that removal is scheduled to occur, and the local telephone number of the owner of the container.

Section 3. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and the first day of publication.

Adopted this 13 day of April, 2021.



Todd Tongen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Nicole Koenen, Clerk

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