

Ordinance No. 24

## SHIPPING CONTAINER ORDINANCE

### TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON LENAWEE COUNTY

An ordinance to amend the Clinton Township Zoning Ordinance to regulate the use of storage containers as storage buildings.

#### TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON ORDAINS:

##### **Section 1. Amendment to Article II, Section 2.2**

Article II, Section 2.2 of the Clinton Township Zoning Ordinance is amended to add the following definition:

Storage Container: Any prefabricated structure designed for transporting goods or for the temporary storage of property, such as pods, steel shipping containers, cargo containers, packing or storage crates, and parts or all of a semi-trailer. Temporary storage containers are not considered accessory structures in this ordinance.

##### **Section 2. Amendment to Article V**

Article V is amended to add Section 5.20 as follows:

#### **SECTION 5.20 STORAGE CONTAINERS AS STORAGE BUILDINGS**

It is the intent of this section to limit the placement and use of any shipping container as an accessory building, storage building, on any parcels located in any zoning district in Clinton Township except as provided for herein. This limitation is to protect the public health and safety and the aesthetic quality of Clinton Township.

- A. Shipping containers, storage containers, used as storage buildings sited on any parcel located in any zoning district in Clinton Township are prohibited except as specifically approved and under an active permit issued as a temporary use. Requests for a temporary use permits for a temporary storage container or containers will be reviewed by the Building Inspector and the Fire Department Inspector to determine compliance with other codes or ordinances; the submitted site plan and to determine that adequate space exists and that placement does not impact vehicular traffic. Storage containers, at the option of the building inspector, may require temporary screening and containment.

- B. No permit for a storage container shall be valid longer than 90 days in any calendar year and all containers shall be removed at the expiration date listed on the permit.
- C. The allowable number of storage containers may be limited by the building inspector based on demonstrated need, aesthetic impact on the property, and Fire Department access.
- D. Storage containers that are placed on construction sites with an active building permit or placed in advance of a project where a building permit is to be issued are not regulated by this section with the exception of location and impact on vehicular traffic. All Storage Containers must be removed at closing date of building permit.
- E. A storage container used for moving in or out of a home or business may be in place for up to three weeks without penalty. Over three weeks ordinance applies and a permit is required.

**Section 3. Publication and Effective Date:**

This amendment to the Clinton Township Zoning Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after adoption and publication.

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**ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED ON November 8, 2021.**

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 Basil Greenleaf  
 Township Supervisor

**CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION AND PUBLICATION**

I, Joann Steffens, the duly elected Clerk of the Township of Clinton certify that the foregoing ordinance is a true and correct copy of the ordinance enacted by the Township Board of the Township of Clinton on November 8, 2021 and published in The Clinton Local, a newspaper circulated in the Township of Clinton on November 11, 2021.

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 Joann Steffens  
 Township Clerk