



## Shipping Containers – Accessory Storage Residential

The Department of Planning and Zoning may approve a zoning permit for the use of a shipping container as an accessory storage structure, subject to the following:

- The minimum lot size shall be 5 acres.
- Shipping containers shall be screened from the public right-of-way or adjacent residential dwellings by any combination of structural, topographical or vegetative means.
- The number of shipping containers allowed per lot shall not exceed two.
- Shipping containers shall not be in an area required by site features such as: parking, landscaping, stormwater management, fire lanes, open space, or similar requirements.
- Stacking of shipping containers is prohibited.
- The storage of material designated as high hazard in the international building code is not permitted. The department of licenses and permits shall review and approve all permit request for compliance with this condition.
- Shipping containers shall comply with all bulk regulations for the zoning district.

*\*Note: In the RC, RR, and R-ED districts, the use of storage bins, shipping containers, trailers and similar storage facilities may be permitted as accessory storage structures to a principal farming use without requiring a zoning permit.*

The following information must be submitted to review the zoning permit application:

1. A completed zoning permit application (next page).
2. A copy of the plot plan or site development plan. The plan must be drawn to scale and must include the items listed below:
  - a. Distances to property lines
  - b. Size of the property
  - c. North arrow
  - d. Scale of the plan
  - e. Tax Map, parcel and lot number of the subject property
  - f. Existing and proposed uses, structures, parking spaces, driveways, and points of access on the subject property. Include those improvements needed to screen the shipping containers from the public street right-of-way and adjoining residential dwellings.
  - g. Location of well and private sewerage easement, if applicable
  - h. Floor area and height of structures, setback distances, and other numerical values necessary for examination of the permit.
  - i. Any other information necessary for full and proper consideration of the permit.
3. A \$25 fee (check payable to the Director of Finance).

*For questions, please contact the Division of Public Service and Zoning Administration at 410-313-2350.*

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**Applicant's Name** *(please print)*:

**Applicant Address:**

**Phone No. (W)**

**(H)**

**Email Address:**

**Address of the property:**

**Principal Use of the property:**

**Lot Size:**

**No. of Repurposed Structures:**

**Please describe what items will be stored in the structure:**

**Please describe how the structures will be screened from the public street right-of-way and/or adjacent residential dwellings, if applicable (any combination of structural, topographical or vegetative screening is acceptable):**

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**Property owner's name** *(please print)*

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**Property owner's signature**

**Please return this application and \$25.00 fee to:**

**Department of Planning & Zoning | 3430 Courthouse Drive | Ellicott City, MD 21043-4350**

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**Application received:**

*(Date)*

**Zoning District:**

**Reviewed by Zoning:**

**Reviewed by Permits:**

**Approved Date:**

**Denied Date:**