

**Washington Township, Licking County**

**Zoning Resolution Update 2025-05**

**Shipping Containers**

**Proposed by Zoning Commission**

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**Section 17.38 Shipping Containers**

**A. Permitted Temporary Use**

1. Use Regulations. Shipping containers are permitted in any district for a purpose or use that does not conform to the regulations prescribed elsewhere in this Resolution, provided that the use is of a temporary nature and that it can be entirely removed at the conclusion of the event or use. “Temporary” means more than thirty (30) days but less than six (6) months.
2. Size Limitation. The shipping container can be no longer than 40 feet in length.
3. Incoming Conditions. Upon arrival at a property, the shipping container must meet these requirements.
  - a. No holes in the ceiling, floor, or walls.
  - b. Operational rear doors. Any modifications to the container must also be operational (doors, windows, etc.).
  - c. No signs of rust, mold, water damage, or structural damage.
  - d. No signs of animal infestation or inhabitants on/in the container, or the container’s foundation.
4. Setbacks. Shipping containers must be located at a minimum of ten feet from any lot lines, and at least six feet from any dwelling or accessory building.
5. Placement.
  - a. Shipping containers must be placed on a level surface.
  - b. Affixing a shipping container to the ground or another structure is prohibited.
  - c. No shipping containers are allowed to be stacked on other containers.
6. Permitting. A zoning permit is required for any shipping container intended for temporary use, subject to renewal by the Zoning Inspector. A maximum of two shipping containers is permitted per parcel. Applicable fees are stated in the Washington Township Fee Schedule.
7. Removal Plan. A plan for removal must be submitted with the zoning permit. The plan must include a removal date, and verification from the entity that will be removing the container at the conclusion of the event or use.
8. Additional Requirements. Failure to comply with the agreed upon removal plan or any other requirements in this section will be considered a violation of the provisions of this resolution, resulting in the actions stated in section 3.11 of this Resolution.

**SHIPPING CONTAINER**: A shipping container is a standardized, reusable steel box no longer than 40 feet that is used for transporting or storing goods.