

**TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS
COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO. 4-10**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 58A ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS"

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Morris that a new ordinance be adopted as follows:

SECTION ONE

Chapter 58 A

ORDINANCE REGULATING PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS

58.1 Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to promote and enhance the health, fire protection, comfort, aesthetics, prosperity and overall positive quality growth of the Township of Morris by providing uniform regulation of the use of portable storage containers. The purpose is not to ban trailers that are being used to transport snowmobiles, sporting equipment, racecars, farm equipment or other recreational vehicles.

58.2 Definitions

Unless otherwise indicated, the following terms used in this ordinance shall be deemed for the purpose of this ordinance to have the meaning hereinafter set forth:

A. Portable storage container: A portable, weather-resistant receptacle designed and used for the storage or shipment of household goods, wares, building material or merchandise.

B. Maximum dimensions: No portable storage container shall have dimensions greater than twenty feet (20') in length, eight feet (8') in width or height. Storage capacity shall be no greater than one thousand two hundred eighty (1280) cubic feet.

58.3 Residential Districts

A. There shall not be permitted more than one (1) portable storage container on a lot at any given time without the express permission of the Township.

B. No storage container can obstruct traffic vision when parked on residential property.

C. All portable storage containers in use on a lot shall be in a condition free from rust, peeling paint and other visible forms of deterioration.

D. During construction, a portable storage container may be used to store on site tools and materials to be used for an initial permit period of (90) ninety days. A permit may be extended for an additional period of (90) ninety days upon request. The portable storage container must be removed within thirty (30) days of completion or cessation of construction or the expiration of the construction permit.

E. The use of a storage device for purposes which are other than construction, such as moving, is permitted for not more than 30 days per dwelling unit.

58.4 Agricultural Districts

A. On lots on which the principal use is a bona fide agricultural activity, there shall be no restriction upon the use of portable storage containers in connection with such agricultural activity. On lots where the principal use is other than agricultural, residential requirements will apply.

58.5 Business, Commercial and Manufacturing Districts

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A. Portable storage containers may be allowed pursuant to an approval granted by the Planning Board of the Township of Morris upon review of Minor Site Plan.

58.6 Permits

A. All portable storage containers in all districts shall be permitted only upon the issuance of a permit as herein provided.

B. The permits shall be issued by the Zoning Officer and shall be at a cost of twenty dollars (\$20) per lot on which one or more containers are to be located. Permits shall be displayed on the outside of the container in such manner as to be plainly visible from the street. Permit fees shall be paid one time per use.

C. The applicant shall submit a survey on which shall be drawn the proposed location of the portable storage container.

58.7 Penalties

A. Any person, firm, or corporation violating any provisions of this section shall be subject to the permit fee and penalties of up to \$100.00 per day for each day on which a violation continues to exist.

58.8 Existing Containers-Time For Compliance.

A. Any person, firm, or corporation with a storage container on property as of April 1, 2010 shall come into compliance within 30 days or be subject to the penalties herein provided.

SECTION TWO:

Should any portion of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected.

SECTION THREE:

This ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its passage and publication as provided by law.