

PROPOSED SHIPPING CONTAINER REGULATIONS FOR PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The following Articles and Sections of the *Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Hamilton, Virginia* would be amended to add all underlined text as follows:

ARTICLE 3 GENERAL PROVISIONS

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SECTION 14. SHIPPING CONTAINERS

The placement and use of shipping containers shall be subject to the following limitations:

- a) When utilized solely for the storage of supplies and equipment, shipping containers of no more than 40 feet in length shall be allowed as an accessory use on a temporary basis within the C-2 zoning district. Shipping containers are not allowed in any other zoning district.
- b) No more than one shipping container shall be permitted on any lot.
- c) Shipping containers shall not be located within the front setback of a lot or within five feet of a side or rear lot line.
- d) The placement or use of shipping containers that have been structurally modified is not permitted.
- e) Shipping containers greater than 20 feet in length may only be placed on lots with a lot depth of 125 feet or greater.
- f) Shipping containers shall not be located on a lot for more than five years in any seven year period.
- g) A zoning permit is required prior to placement of a shipping container, and the application shall show the proposed shipping container complies with the requirements of this section. Permit approval may be granted in increments of one year, and may be renewed annually for up to five years consecutively. The permit fee shall be set forth in the Planning, Land Development and Zoning Fee Schedule adopted by the Town Council, as amended from time to time.

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ARTICLE 16 DEFINITIONS

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SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

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SETBACK, SIDE. A portion of land lying between a side lot line and the nearest part of the building or use not hereinafter excepted, and extending from the front setback to the rear setback line, or if there be no front or rear setback, to the front or rear lot lines. Side setback width shall mean the minimum distance, measured horizontally, between any part of the building or use not specifically excepted and the nearest side lot line.

SHIPPING CONTAINER. A standardized, reusable shipping vessel designed for or used in the transportation of freight and capable of being: mounted and moved on a rail car, mounted on a chassis for movement by truck trailer, or loaded on a ship.

SIGN. For definitions pertaining to signs, see Article 7.

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