

PCD QUICK TIPS – SHIPPING CONTAINERS

A shipping container is defined by the Land Development Code as large metal containers such as intermodal containers, Conex boxes, and cargo containers. The term shall not include semi-truck trailers, mobile or manufactured homes, mobile office trailers, or modular office buildings.

Requirements

- Site plan approval is required to verify compliance with setback requirements.
- Shipping containers must be painted to be compatible with surrounding structures **OR** screened from public view by a seven-foot solid opaque fence and/or evergreen trees/shrubbery that will reach a minimum of seven feet in height at maturity. Not applicable in the A-35 zoning district,
 - Temporary screening methods such as tarps, mesh, slats, etc. are not permitted.
- Shipping containers may not be stacked and must be placed on a suitable base, subject to approval, to ensure stability.
- A building permit may be required. Contact the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department at 719-327-2880 for more information.
- Contact the Planner of the Day at DSD-POD@elpasoco.com for questions about placement of shipping containers in commercial and industrial zoning districts.

Temporary Shipping Containers

- Site plan approval is not required for temporary use.
- Use of temporary shipping containers may not exceed 30 consecutive days during a one-year period unless an extension of time has been approved by the Planning and Community Development Department.

Resources

- For additional information call us at 719-520-6300 or email plnweb@elpasoco.com.
- View the complete Land Development Code requirements for shipping containers online at https://library.municode.com/co/el_paso_county.