

# FAQs – Shipping Containers

## What is required to submit for a shipping container?

1. Site Plan
2. Fee of \$147.00

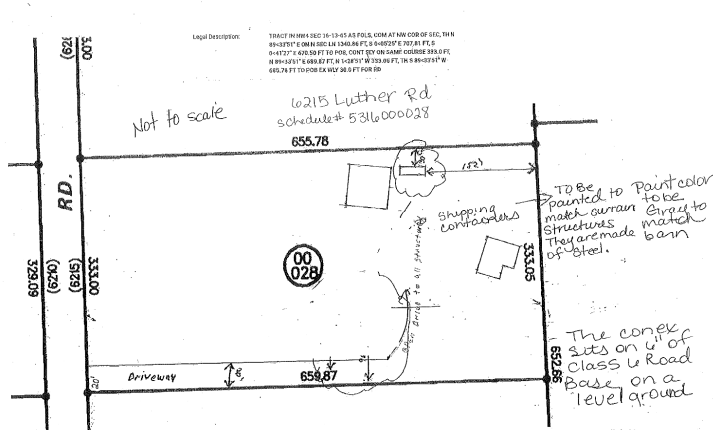
## What information is required on the site plan?

- The site plan must be drawn to scale if the property is under 2.5 acres
- The entire parcel with dimensions
- All existing structures located on the parcel
- The location of the driveway
- Location of the proposed shipping container(s) with dimensions
- Distances from the shipping container(s) to all property lines (front, rear, and sides)
- Details on what color the shipping container(s) will be painted to match surrounding structures and/or how it will be screened from view (7ft solid, opaque fence, evergreen trees or shrubbery that will reach 7ft high at maturity, or similar screening method)
- Details on what type of base the shipping container will be placed on (i.e. gravel, concrete, etc.)

## How do I apply for a site plan?

1. Submit the site plan to EPC Planning and Community Development at 2880 International Circle, Suite 110, Colorado Springs, CO 80910 along with the payment of \$147.00.
2. Once received, the reviewer will process the application and forward the base details to the EPC Planning and Community Development Director for review.
3. If approved, the application will be finalized and sent back to you.

## Site Plan Example:



## Land Development Code

### 5.2.50. Shipping Containers

**(A) Applicability.** The following standards shall apply to all shipping containers, including those which have been permitted as an accessory structure per the Building Code. The following standards shall not apply to parcels from which the shipping containers are sold and/or rented as an approved use or may be otherwise categorized as outside storage.

#### **(B) Shipping Containers in Residential, Forestry, and Agricultural Zoning Districts**

**(1) Visibility.** All shipping containers, other than those placed within the A-35 zoning district, shall be:

- Painted to be compatible with surrounding buildings and structures; and/or
- Screened from public view by one or more of the following: a seven foot solid opaque fence, evergreen trees or shrubbery which will reach a minimum of seven feet in height at maturity, or similar screening method. Temporary screening methods such as tarps, mesh, chain-link fencing with slats, or other similar non-permanent methods shall not be permitted in place of a solid opaque fence.

**(2) Dimensional Standards.** Shipping containers are subject to the applicable zoning district setback requirements, except when located within the A-35 zoning district. Shipping containers may not be stacked.

**(3) Compliance with the Building Code.** A building permit may be required, as determined by the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department, prior to the placement of any shipping container.

**(4) Base Required.** All shipping containers shall be placed on a suitable level base, as determined by the PCD Director, to help ensure stability and safety.

#### **(C) Shipping Containers in Commercial and Industrial Zoning Districts.**

**(1) Visibility.** All shipping containers shall meet the outside storage standards in Chapter 5 and shall be painted to be compatible with surrounding buildings and structures in the area.

**(2) Dimensional Standards.** Shipping containers are subject to the applicable zoning district setback requirements. Shipping containers may not be stacked.

**(3) Compliance with the Building Code.** A building permit may be required, as determined by the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department, prior to the placement of any shipping container.

**(4) Base Required.** All shipping containers shall be placed on a suitable level base, as determined by the PCD Director, to help ensure stability and safety.



## Land Development Code

### **5.2.51. Shipping Containers, Temporary**

(A) **Duration:** Temporary use of a shipping container may not exceed 30 consecutive days during a one year period unless the PCD Director has approved an extension of time.

(B) **Location:** Temporary shipping containers must be located on the same property for which it is utilized.