

**Ordinance #2010-02**  
**An Ordinance Regulating the Placement of Portable Storage Units on Property within Corinna Township, Wright County, Minnesota**

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS; LIMITING THE USE OF PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS; REQUIRING THE PERMITTING OF PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS; ESTABLISHING FEES RELATED TO PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION HEREIN; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

**Section 1. Authority, Purpose and Intent.**

The following regulation has been adopted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 368.01 for the protection of public and private property, and the promotion of health, safety, order, convenience, and the general welfare as these may relate to the placement of portable storage units on public and private property.

**Section 2. Definitions.**

The following definitions shall apply under this Ordinance.

- A. Applicant shall mean the person that owns, rents, occupies, or controls the property and is herein required to obtain a permit for the placement of a Portable Storage Unit on private property.
- B. Supplier shall mean the company or vendor which supplies the Portable Storage Unit to the residential property, if applicable.
- C. Portable Storage Unit shall mean a storage unit designed, constructed or reconstructed so as to be capable of movement via towing, hauling or attachment to a vehicle from one site to another and designed to be used without a permanent foundation. Portable storage units shall include semi-trailers and similar units which have been modified to make them unable to be readily transported from one location to another. Storage buildings constructed on skids, properly licensed fish houses and other similar structures designed for common use as residential storage structures shall not be considered portable storage units for the purposes of this ordinance.

**Section 2. Exceptions**

The following portable storage units are exempt from the requirements of this ordinance:

- A. Portable storage units which are entirely contained within a building or screened to an equivalent manner by fences, trees, shrubs, natural topography or other means acceptable to the Township shall be excepted from these regulations.
- B. Portable storage units which are located at least one-hundred (100) feet from a public road right-of-way and at least one-hundred (100) feet from an occupied or unoccupied dwelling (excepting any dwelling on the same property where the unit is to be located or a dwelling owned by the same landowner as the property where the unit is located).
- C. Portable storage units which are actively being unloaded and will be located on-site for less than ninety-six (96) hours.
- D. Portable storage units for sale or rent or awaiting services which are located on premises owned or leased by a person or business legally engaged in the sale, rental or service of such units.

- E. Semi-trailers that are licensed and road-ready.

### **Section 3. Requirements for Permitting of Portable Storage Units.**

- A. Prior to or within ninety-six (96) hours following the initial delivery of a Portable Storage Unit, the Applicant or the Supplier shall obtain a permit for the placement of a Portable Storage Unit with the Township Clerk.
- B. The application for a portable storage unit permit shall be obtained from the Township by:
  - 1. Completing an application form provided by the Township;
  - 2. Presenting a valid and active Corinna Township or Wright County land use/building permit for that property if the Portable Storage Unit is to be used for the storage of building materials;
  - 3. Payment of a \$25 nonrefundable application fee; and
- C. The application shall contain the name of the Applicant to whom the temporary storage unit is supplied, whether the person owns, rents, occupies, or controls the property, the address at which the Temporary Storage Unit will be placed, the expected delivery date, the expected removal date, active building permit number, if applicable, and a sketch depicting the location and the placement of the Temporary Storage Unit.
- D. The effective date of the permit shall be the date of the Township Clerk's written approval.

### **Section 4: Requirements for Placement of Portable Storage Units.**

The following requirements shall apply to the placement of Portable Storage Units within the Township:

- A. A Portable Storage Unit permit, once granted, shall be valid for a period of time not exceeding 90 days. A permit for the initial 90 day period may be issued by the Township Clerk. An application to extend this time frame must be approved by the Town Board, which may permit for an extension of up to an additional 90 days. In no case shall an applicant be permitted to have a portable storage unit on the same property for more than 180 days in any 365 day period.
- B. The Applicant, as well as the Supplier, shall be responsible for ensuring that the Portable Storage Unit is maintained in good condition, free from evidence of deterioration, weathering, discoloration, graffiti, rust, ripping, tearing or other holes or breaks, at all times.
- C. No Portable Storage Unit shall be used to store solid waste, construction debris, demolition debris, recyclable materials, business inventory, commercial goods, goods for property other than at the residential property where the Temporary Storage Unit is located.
- D. No Portable Storage Unit shall be used to store any illegal or hazardous material.
- E. Upon reasonable notice to the Applicant, the Township may inspect the contents of any Portable Storage Unit at any reasonable time to ensure that it is not being used to store unpermitted materials.

**Section 5. Enforcement and Penalties.**

Any person or entity who shall intentionally, knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence, violate any provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor. Each day shall constitute a separate offense.

**Section 6. Severability**

In the event any clause, phrase, provision, sentence, or part of this Ordinance or the application of the same to any person or circumstance shall for any reason be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect, impair, or invalidate this Ordinance as a whole or any part of provision hereof other than the part declared to be invalid or unconstitutional.