

**VILLIAGE OF WHEELER
DUNN COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-__

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADD CHAPTER ¹⁵⁻⁴OF THE VILLIAGE CODE FOR THE VILLIAGE
OF WHEELER, DUNN COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

SECTION I: The Village Board of the Village of Wheeler, Wisconsin, does ordain to add Chapter __
to the Village Code for the Village of Wheeler to read as follows:

Chapter ¹⁵⁻⁴⁻¹⁵15 Shipping Containers

Article I General Provisions.

§ ¹⁵⁻⁰⁴ -01 Definition.

- A. The term “shipping container” shall be defined as a transportable, enclosed, box-like container that is typically rented to property owners or occupants of property, for temporary use. Shipping containers include, but not limited to, containers such as semitrailers, roll-off containers, slide-off containers, and “piggyback” containers. A shipping container includes any container intended for the purpose of storing personal property or construction supplies that is intended to be filled, refilled, or emptied while located outdoors on a property, and to be thereafter removed from the property.

§ ¹⁵⁻⁰⁴ -02 Placement Requirements and Limitations.

- A. Shipping containers shall be painted in a neutral shade and without advertising or signage affixed to the shipping container excluding any names identifying the owner of the container.
- B. Shipping containers shall not exceed a cumulative gross floor area of 450 square feet and may not exceed 8 ½ feet in height. In no event shall there be more than two temporary shipping containers on any property at any time. Shipping containers must be set back at least 20 feet from the front lot line. Shipping containers must also be set back at least 5 feet from all other lot lines, the public right-of-way and any public sidewalk. Additionally, any shipping container must be a minimum of five feet away from any structures on the property. Shipping containers shall not be located in any required open space or in location that interferes with vehicular and/or pedestrian circulation. Shipping containers shall also be located in accordance with all applicable building and fire code regulations for the purpose of ensuring safe ingress and egress to dwellings, access to utility shutoff valves, and fire protection.
- C. The Village shall have the discretion to further restrict the placement of any shipping container on a property so as to prevent any unreasonable deprivation of light, air, or reasonable use to any adjoining property.

§ ¹⁵⁻⁰⁴ ___-03 Adoption to Code.

- A. All shipping containers and use of said shipping containers shall not violate any other provision of the Village Code. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a shipping container proposed to be used as a "structure" by way of example a garage or accessory building, must also comply with those Chapters of the Village Code, regarding Building Construction and Zoning. Shipping containers that fail to comply with both Chapters of this Code are prohibited from being used as a structure. In no event shall a Shipping container be used for living quarters.
- B. A shipping container shall not remain on any property located in the Village of Wheeler for more than thirty (30) consecutive calendar days, and not more than sixty (60) gross days in a twelve (12) month period, unless permitted by the Village Board.

§ ¹⁵⁻⁰⁴ ___-04 Shipping Container Regulations.

A. Conditional Permit.

- a. All shipping containers permitted by Village Code require a \$ ___ conditional permit from the clerk's office before any shipping container can be set on the property. Conditional permits expire after thirty (30) calendar days. Additional permits may be purchased subject to the terms and conditions of § ___-03(B) of this Ordinance.
- b. The Village is authorized, in the exercise of reasonable discretion, to revoke any permit issued under this Ordinance, if it is determined by the Village, in its sole discretion, that a shipping container is being maintained in an unsafe matter or constitutes a public nuisance, or violates any other provision of Village Code.
- c. Shipping Containers must be located at the primary lot of the residence.
- d. Shipping Containers shall not be used for residential purposes pursuant to § ___-03(A) of this Ordinance.

B. Existing Shipping Containers.

- a. Shipping containers existing before the effective date of this Ordinance shall be "grandfathered" into compliance with this Ordinance, unless the shipping container is, or becomes a public nuisance or a safety hazard as outlined in § ___-04 (A)(b) of this Ordinance. Existing shipping containers that fail to comply with the requirements of this paragraph shall be removed from the property within thirty (30) days' written notice from the Village, at the owner's sole expense. Alternatively, an existing shipping container that becomes a public nuisance, safety hazard or otherwise is in a state of disrepair, may be replaced by the owner provided the replacement container is no larger than the container it is replacing, is in good condition and repair and the total number of containers on the property is not increased.

- b. Shipping containers existing before the effective date of this Ordinance shall not be modified in any way, including but not limited to, additions or alterations regarding the shape and size of the shipping container, except for otherwise permitted in § ____-02(A) of this Ordinance.

§ 511-05 Violations and Penalties.

- A. Any violations of this Ordinance shall be subject to § 1-1-6 of the Village Code. If there is a conflict between this chapter and § 1-1-6 of the Village Code, § 1-1-6 of the Village Code has precedence.

SECTION II: Severability. Should any section, clause, provision, or portion of this section be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, unlawful, or unenforceable by a final order of a court of competent jurisdiction, including all applicable appeals, the remainder of this section shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION III: Effective Date. Upon passage and publication, this section shall take effect and be in force as provided by law.

Adopted by the Village Board on December 3, 2025.

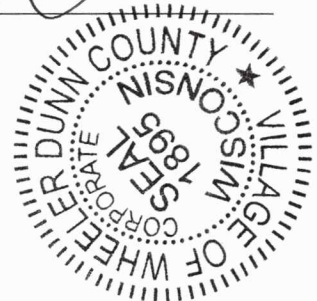
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By: _____
Rob Hakanson, Village President

Attest:  _____
Don Knutson, Village Clerk

Published: December 3, 2025, 2025.

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Attest: _____
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