



CARGO CONTAINERS FOR INCIDENTAL STORAGE

Often marine cargo containers are used on site for incidental storage without obtaining appropriate permits. Marine cargo containers shall be considered a piece of equipment and shall be allowed as incidental storage provided it complies with the following requirements.



1. Approvals are required prior to the issuance of a miscellaneous permit (MP) from the following agencies:
 - a. Department of Regional Planning (DRP)
 - b. Fire Department
 - c. Coastal Commission (where applicable)
 - d. Health Department (where used as food storage)
 - e. Grading and Drainage Section (where applicable)
2. A plot plan drawn to scale showing property lines, location of all existing buildings on the lot, size, and location of the marine cargo container with respect to those building(s), required side yards, fire lanes, easements, and, where applicable, location of parking stalls. Furthermore, the location of the marine cargo container shall comply with all slope setbacks requirements.
3. Containers shall be constructed of steel or aluminum with a minimum 14 gauge thickness except for a wood floor within the metal shell. Structural plans and calculations are not required.
4. Containers shall not block, obstruct, or reduce any required exits, open spaces, windows, vent shafts, or "required" parking spaces (including access driveways) of the existing buildings on the lot.
5. The number of containers shall be limited to **ONE** container per parcel, unless otherwise approved by the DRP.
6. The maximum floor area for each container shall be 400 square feet.

7. Each container shall not exceed 10 feet in height, 10 feet in width and 40 feet in length, and shall have no wall openings except for the access door opening.
8. Where more than one container is approved, the containers shall not be "stacked" on top of each other or joined in any manner.
9. The use of the containers shall not allow human occupancy and is, therefore, exempt from the disabled access regulations. However, where disabled access regulations are applicable, access for persons with disabilities shall be provided from the street and the accessible parking space to each container on the lot.
10. Containers that have been factory-built with electrical, plumbing, heating, or air conditioning systems are not covered by this policy.
11. Containers shall be setback from ascending or descending slopes in accordance with Section 1808.7.
12. A Miscellaneous Permit shall be issued for each container. A one-hour plan check and one-hour inspection fee shall be charged for each permit.
13. The containers shall not be used for the storage of flammable/combustible liquids or hazardous materials.

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