



# County of Elbert, Colorado

## Policies and Procedures

### **19-01. Storage Containers:**

**As amended, IBC 2018, Section 105.2 Work exempt from permits states;**

Exemptions from permit requirements of this code shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in any manner in violation of the provisions of this code or any other laws, ordinances or resolutions of this jurisdiction. Work exempted from requiring any type of construction permit does not preclude any required approval from the department of planning and zoning. Permits shall not be required for the following:

- 1) One-story detached accessory structures, provided that the floor area does not exceed 200 square feet.

**Elbert County Building Department Policy 19-01 rescinds the previously published Building Department Policy 18-07 regarding the permitting of shipping containers, and replaces it with the following;**

**Accessory enclosures greater than 200 square feet require a building permit, including shipping containers and any/all similar reusable steel boxes. shipping containers / reusable steel boxes are accessory structures (IBC Sec. 312, Utility and miscellaneous Group U) and will be subject to compliance with the Elbert County adopted codes.**

#### **Exception:**

- 1) Shipping containers that will be used temporarily at your home for a 7-day period during moving.
- 2) If this 7-day period is extended, in advance, with written approval by the Community and Development Services Department due to a hardship situation.


**A foundation / anchorage system will be required for all accessory enclosures including shipping containers that do not meet the exceptions above.**

Stacking of Containers will be prohibited. An engineer's designed foundation / anchorage system, including that of the wall to the foundation, must be provided when a single cargo/shipping container meets the following:

- 1) Exceeds \*400 sf in floor area or;
- 2) Is used for any purpose other than as a private storage building or;
- 3) Is accessed by the public.

\* Square footage of shipping containers without a minimum of 5 feet of separation between them will be calculated as one enclosure.

Building Official:



Effective Date:

4-8-19

Director:



Office Administrator:

