



TEMPORARY CONTAINERS

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City of Murrieta – Development Services Department
1 Town Square, Murrieta CA 92562

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I. BACKGROUND / PROCESS

Temporary Cargo Containers

The Development Code lacked language/parameters on how to address this use. This was updated within the Murrieta Municipal Code (MMC) under the 5th Code Updates within **MMC §16.70.030.N (Temporary Cargo Containers)** under Ordinance No. 574-22.



A Temporary Use Permit is required

- Idea is having a temporary location for storing valuable tools and materials related to construction activities at residential, commercial, office, business park, mixed-use, or industrial locations.
- Does not encroach into a landscaped area, onto sidewalks, or into the public right-of-way, and provides adequate access for ingress and egress in case of an emergency.
- At a residential location, it shall provide sufficient room to open the garage door to allow access and egress in case of an emergency.
- **Initial time limit of six (6) months** from the date of application approval.
- A one-time extension of the temporary use permit may be approved for a period as determined necessary by the Director, or their designee, provided there is substantial progress toward completion of the construction phase of the project.
- The container shall be removed immediately upon completion of the temporary term, or upon expiration, or finalization of the building permit, whichever occurs first.

Documents Referenced in this Information Bulletin

- [Ordinance No. 574-22](#)
- [Temporary Use Permit Application \(DS-252\)](#)
- [Fee Schedule](#)

- May impose additional conditions of approval with respect to the Temporary Use Permit for the temporary cargo container.

Temporary Residential Moving Containers

The Development Code also lacked language/parameters on how to address this use. This was updated within the Murrieta Municipal Code under the 5th Code Updates within **MMC §16.70.030.M (Temporary Residential Moving Containers)** under Ordinance No. 574-22.



- Shall be placed within a driveway and not in the public right-of-way.
- Limited to a **maximum of a two-week period** on the subject private property, **two times per year** – In these instances, **no application would be required**.
- For containers which are proposed to be placed **for longer than a two-week period**, a **Temporary Use Permit application, with fees, and a description of the extraordinary hardship** on why the additional timeframe is necessary, shall be submitted to the Director, or their designee, for their review.