

**City of Steele Code of Ordinances
ORDINANCE NO. 178**

**AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE
USE, REGULATION AND PENALTIES
FOR USE OF PORTABLE STORAGE
CONTAINERS**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STEELE,
NORTH DAKOTA:**

Section 1: Definitions for this Ordinance are as follows:

1. A portable storage container is a secure, self-contained, and movable structure designed for temporary or long-term storage of materials, equipment, and goods. These containers are often repurposed shipping or cargo containers originally used for transporting goods by sea, rail, or road, but now adapted for storage purposes.

2. Rodent proof- Means that there shall be no holes where a rodent can make access to the container and the bottom of the container is placed in

a way to not allow rodents to access areas under the container (i.e. Forklift tunnels, or groves on the bottom).

Section 2: Portable Storage Containers are allowed in Industrial and Commercial Zones. Following are conditions for the use of portable storage containers:

1. Container owners must apply for a permit for each container at the price of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per year per container from the city Auditor. The city council will then review and approve or deny any permit.

2. Containers shall be rodent proof.

3. Containers shall be subject to the provisions of the Fire Code concerning fire department access and hydrant blockage.

4. Containers may not be placed in public right of way.

5. Containers must be maintained, meaning they must be painted and rust free.

6. Containers may not be stacked on

top of each other.

7. There is a limit of 4 containers per industrial zoned site and 1 container per commercial zoned site.

Section 3: Portable storage containers are not allowed in residential areas.

Section 4: Penalties: If found in violation of this ordinance the business owning the portable storage containers will be asked to remove the containers from city limits by the City of Steele. If the business owning the portable storage container refuses to comply with the request to remove the container the city shall have the right to impound the container and its contents until the business owner pays all fees associated with impoundment and proves intent to remove the container from city limits.

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