

**DEFINITION:**

“**Shipping Container**” means a container that is new or was formerly used for transport of goods by means of rail, truck or sea. These containers are rectangular in shape and are generally made of metal also referred to as a sea cargo container, sea can or cargo container. When used for any other purpose other than transporting freight, a shipping container is considered a structure.



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## Land Use Bylaw

# Shipping Containers Regulations



Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of information contained in this publication. However, in the event of a discrepancy between this publication and the current Town of Vermilion Land Use Bylaw, the Bylaw will take precedence.

A complete copy of the Land Use Bylaw 1-2020 is available on the Town of Vermilion website [vermilion.ca](http://vermilion.ca) under Local Government → Town Departments → Planning Development.



# Land Use Bylaw 1-2020

## Schedule B - Part Two

### Accessory Use Provisions

#### Shipping Containers

#### REGULATION:

1. Shipping containers are discretionary and shall only be considered in Non-residential Districts. Shipping containers are prohibited in all other districts.
2. Shipping containers are considered accessory buildings and are to be used for cold storage purposes only, excluding dangerous or hazardous materials or containers. Containers shall not be used as a dwelling nor shall they have services connected to them.
3. Prior to the Development Authority accepting an application for a Development Permit for a shipping container, colour photographs of all four sides of the proposed container(s) shall be provided.
4. In addition to obtaining a Development Permit a Building Permit must also be obtained.
5. Shipping containers shall not be stacked one upon another.
6. All approved shipping containers shall be located in the rear or side yards only and shall not be permanently fixed to the ground, nor project beyond the front face of the principal building on the subject lot.

7. Shipping containers may be allowed in the Central Business District however, must not be visible from the main road and may require additional screening to the satisfaction of the Development Authority.
8. Shipping containers must have an exterior finish to match or compliment the exterior finish of other buildings on the subject property and/or be screened from view to the satisfaction of the Development Authority. If the exterior finish is not acceptable the Development Authority may require the container be painted to match the surrounding building colours.

*Note:* Addition of exterior cladding materials or structural alterations to the container may affect the required separation distances.

9. Shipping containers must be kept clean and well maintained and must comply with all other applicable provisions contained within the current Land Use Bylaw. Any breach of these conditions may result in the cancellation of the Development Permit and removal of the container at the owner's expense.



10. The maximum number of containers that may be allowed per lot is as follows:
  - a. less than 0.40 ha (1.0 acre) - two containers;
  - b. 0.41 ha (1.01 acres) to 1.21 ha (3.0 acres) - three containers;
  - c. 1.22 ha (3.01 acres) or more - maximum five containers.

The above does not apply where containers are being sold or rented as part of an authorized storage or shipping container related business.

11. Contractors licensed to operate within the Town of Vermilion may temporarily use shipping containers in any zoning district, including residential, for the storage of equipment and materials during the period of construction at the construction site subject to the following:
  - a. new construction must have an approved Development Permit issued by the Town; and
  - b. containers must be placed wholly within the subject property and not within any road right-of-ways; and
  - c. the container shall be removed from the property no later than seven calendar days after completion of the project and for no longer than a maximum of twelve months;
  - d. if construction ceases for a period of thirty days or is abandoned, the shipping container shall be removed no later than seven days after notice to remove is issued by the Town; and
  - e. shipping containers temporarily used by a contractor in single family Residential Districts shall not exceed 6 m (20 ft.) in length and shall be placed wholly within the property boundaries and not within the road rights-of-way.