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Shipping Containers

Property Owner: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Parcel #: _____

The Forsyth Township Board and the Forsyth Township Planning Commission have amended the Zoning Ordinance to allow for shipping containers. If the following conditions are not met, or if at any time the conditions are not met in the future, Forsyth Township will enforce these issues as a Zoning Violation according to the guidelines laid out in the Forsyth Township Zoning Ordinance which can include citations and removal of the shipping container. **This document must be submitted with a Zoning Compliance Permit.**

Storage containers are permitted in all zoning districts under the following conditions:

- a. Container must be a maximum of 40 feet in length and 8 feet in width.
- b. Containers must follow standard setbacks for accessory structures as stated in the Forsyth Township Zoning Ordinance based on zoning district and must be ten feet from all other structures.
- c. Container must be placed in the rear of the property, past the back edge of the house, unless it is a Lake Residential (LR) property and then the storage container needs to be on the road side of the property and may not go past the back edge of the house.
- d. Container must be a solid color that matches the dwelling. Container must not contain any writing.
- e. Each residential and commercial parcel up to three acres is permitted to have one storage container. Property that is three to six acres are permitted to have two storage containers. Additional storage containers can be authorized at the discretion of the Zoning Administrator by permit.
 - a. Commercial properties may use additional storage containers for temporary use up to one year without meeting the requirements for the maximum number of containers and without meeting the aesthetic requirements. The owner shall apply for said use with the Zoning Administrator. The Zoning Administrator has discretion to extend the use up to two times, for a maximum of three years, at their discretion for the purpose of long-term projects and building. Extensions must be requested thirty (30) days prior to expiration.
- f. Each industrial parcel has no restrictions on the number of containers.
- g. Container may be sided and a peaked roof may be added.

- h. Property owner can apply to the Zoning Administrator for temporary use of a shipping container for up to thirty (30) days without meeting aesthetic requirements.

Storage containers are not permitted for:

- a. Containers shall not be used as a dwelling.
- b. Containers shall not be stacked.
- c. Containers may not be used for retail purposes.

By signing you agree to follow all the rules outlined above and any applicable Forsyth Township Ordinances. Upon placement of the container you have thirty days to make it a solid color that matches the dwelling and remove any writing.

Owner: _____ Date: _____

Zoning Administrator: _____ Date: _____