

**Ossineke Township
Ordinance No. 1 of 2023**

An ordinance to amend the Ossineke Township Zoning Ordinance Article 2 “Construction of Language and Definitions” and Article 3 (General Provisions) to address shipping containers.

Ossineke Township, Alpena County, Michigan ordains:

Section 1: Amendments to the Ossineke Township Zoning Ordinance Section 2.0 and Section 3.8.

That the Ossineke Township Zoning Ordinance, Section 2.0 (Definitions) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(add the following)

Shipping Container. A container fabricated for the purpose of transporting freight or goods on a truck, railroad, or ship. Shipping containers include cargo containers, storage units, or other portable structures that are used for storage and transportation of items, including, but not limited to, clothing, equipment, goods, household or office fixtures or furnishings, materials, and merchandise.

That the Ossineke Township Zoning Ordinance, Section 3.8 (Accessory Structures and Accessory Uses) is hereby amended to read as follows:

9. Nontraditional Storage Facilities.

- a. Truck bodies, school bus bodies, mobile homes, travel trailers or other items built and intended for other uses shall not be used as permanent accessory structures.
- b. Semi trailers may be used as temporary storage for commercial and industrial uses in the commercial and industrial districts in the rear yard only. In a commercial zone, semi-trailers used as temporary storage must be screened from visibility from all public rights-of-way including streets or alleys

(add the following:)

c. Shipping Containers.

- (1) Shipping containers shall be allowed to be used as accessory buildings or structures for storage purposes only.
- (2) Shipping containers shall be either painted to blend in with the natural landscape or covered in a siding material that would typically be utilized for a principal structure or shall be completely screened from view of neighboring properties and the right-of-way throughout the year.

(3) Shipping Containers shall be placed on a foundation or gravel surface with adequate drainage.

(4) Shipping containers are allowed in all districts with the exception of waterfront lots.

Section 2: Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph or part of this Ordinance shall for any reason be finally adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment is rendered.

Section 3: Saving Clause

The Ossineke Township Zoning Ordinance, except as herein or heretofore amended, shall remain in full force and effect. The amendments provided herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending fee, assessments, litigation, or prosecution of any right established, occurring prior to the effective date hereof.

Section 4: Effective Date

The ordinance changes shall take effect upon the expiration of seven days after the publication of the notice of adoption.

Kenneth Lobert
Ossineke Township Supervisor

Jo'Lee Dorie
Ossineke Township Clerk

I, Jolee Dorie, Clerk for Ossineke Township, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 1 of 2023 of Ossineke Township, adopted by at a meeting of the Township Board of Trustees held on July 10, 2023

A copy of the complete ordinance text may be inspected or purchased at the Ossineke Township Hall, at 9041 W. Nicholson Hill Road, Hubbard Lake, Michigan.

Adopted: _____ Published: _____ Effective: _____, subject to PA 110 of 2006 as amended.