

Can I Have a Cargo Container on My Property?

The Town of Dewey-Humboldt does allow the siting of cargo containers in residential districts under certain circumstances, with proper permitting and in all but the R1L zoning districts in conformance with Section 153.086 Outside Storage.

The zoning ordinance of the Town of Dewey-Humboldt defines Steel Storage Container to include cargo containers:

“STEEL STORAGE CONTAINER. A steel structure sometimes referred to as a cargo container, which is independent of any trailer or axles, and is commercially produced and designed for the purposes of storage of personal or commercial belongings/ products. Does not include tractor-trailers, boxcars, freight containers or commercial trailers.”

“153.086(13)

The outside storage of steel storage containers is allowed as an **accessory use**, solely for the storage of personal items owned by the property owner, occupant or business (in appropriate commercially designated areas in the RMM or less restrictive use districts. **This means that there must be a primary use on the property prior to the application for the siting of a steel storage container**, and approval is conditioned as follows:

(a) An approval letter from the Zoning Administrator is obtained prior to placement of the unit.

(b) **Containers shall meet the minimum yard requirements of the primary structure** in the applicable density district as well as building separation and lot coverage requirements.

(c) All containers shall be painted and maintained either the primary structure color or an earth tone consistent with the surrounding terrain prior to placement.

(d) Any electrical service to comply with applicable adopted building codes and other town codes.

(e) No residential cargo container to exceed **8 feet by 20 feet**.

(f) Minimum residential use parcel size is **two acres**.

(g) **Only one unit per residential parcel**.

(h) Any unit not able to meet the foregoing performance criteria will require a use permit prior to permitting and installation. Temporary uses of such containers (up to two years) can be administratively approved in conjunction with approved construction/remodeling projects.”