

BLUE LAKE TOWNSHIP
Ordinance No. ___ of 2023

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BLUE LAKE
TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE

THE TOWNSHIP OF BLUE LAKE ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment of Section 2.2.

The definition of Accessory Structure within Section 2.2 of the Blue Lake Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

Accessory Structure: Any building or structure that is customarily incidental and subordinate to the use of the principal building or structure, including but not limited to, accessory buildings, personal freestanding television and radio reception antennas, satellite dishes and signs. Provided, however, a shipping container shall not be an accessory structure.

Section 2. Amendment of Section 2.2.

Section 2.2 of the Blue Lake Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to add the following definition in its appropriate alphabetical locations:

Shipping Container: A standardized, reusable, and transportable metal box designed for the storage and movement of materials, goods, and products within a freight transport system.

Section 3. Amendment of Article III.

Article III of the Blue Lake Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to add a new Section 3.21, which shall read in its entirety as follows:

Section 3.21 Shipping Containers

1. A shipping container shall not be placed and/or maintained for any purpose on any lot within the Residential District (R) and the Lakeshore Residential District (LR).
2. A shipping container may be placed and/or maintained on any lot within the Conservation Resource District (C/R), Agricultural District (A), Rural Residential District (RR0, and Commercial and Industrial District (C/I), provided all of the following requirements are met:
 - A. The shipping container is accessory to the principal use on the lot.

- B. The lot on which the shipping container will be placed and/or maintained is no less than five (5) acres in lot area.
- C. The shipping container shall be placed and/or maintained no closer to the property line separating the lot from the road right-of-way than the principal building on that lot.
- D. Except as provided in subsection C above, the shipping container shall comply with all setback requirements of the zoning district in which it is located.
- E. The shipping container shall not have an area larger than the area of an accessory building for the zoning district in which it is located, as specified in Section 4.14 of this Ordinance.
- F. The shipping container shall not be stacked on top of another shipping container and shall not exceed the height limitations of an accessory building for the zoning district in which it is located, as specified in Section 4.14 of this Ordinance.
- G. The shipping container shall be screened (by a tight-board wood fence, landscaped buffer, landscaped berm, etc.) from view from neighboring property and road rights-of-way.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective eight (8) days after being published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

Ordinance No. _____ was adopted on the _____ day of _____, 2023, by the Blue Lake Township Board as follows:

Motion by:

Seconded by:

Yeas:

Nays:

Absent:

Tracy Nichol, Clerk

Blair Shearer, Supervisor

I certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. _____ that was adopted at a regular meeting of the Blue Lake Township Board on _____, 2023 and published in the _____ on _____, 2023.

Dated: _____

Tracy Nichol, Clerk