

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST GRAND  
RAPIDS BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 5.34 TO ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 50  
TO REGULATE THE PLACEMENT OF TEMPORARY STORAGE UNITS

**THE CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS ORDAINS:**

Section 1. Article IV of Chapter 50 of Title V of the Code of the City of East Grand Rapids is amended by adding a new Section 5.34 to read in its entirety as follows:

**5.34. Temporary Storage Units**

**A. Purpose and Intent.**

The following regulation has been adopted to insure that placement of Temporary Storage Units, commonly known as temporary on demand storage structures, complies with health, safety and aesthetics objectives of the City of East Grand Rapids.

**B. Definitions.**

The following definitions shall apply under this Ordinance.

1. "Person" means the person or entity that owns, rents, occupies, or controls the property upon which a Temporary Storage Unit is placed.
2. "Supplier" means the company or vendor that supplies the Temporary Storage Unit.
3. "Temporary Storage Unit" means a transportable unit, container or structure designed and used primarily for temporary storage of personal property, household goods, and other such materials for use on a temporary basis. Such unit shall not be considered an accessory structure as provided in Section 5.4, Article II of Chapter 50 of the City Code.

**C. Requirements for Registration of Temporary Storage Units.**

1. Prior to or within 72 hours of the initial delivery of a Temporary Storage Unit or Units, a Person or the Supplier shall register the placement of the Temporary Storage Unit with the Director of City Services; provided however, that a Person or Supplier is not required to register a Temporary Storage Unit that is removed within 72 hours of its initial delivery.
2. Registration requires the following:
  - a) Completing the City Services Department's application, to include the Person's name, the number and size of the Temporary Storage Units to be registered, the address at

which the Temporary Storage Unit(s) will be placed, the delivery date, removal date, and a sketch depicting the location and the placement of the Temporary Storage Unit(s); and

b) Written approval of the application by the City Services Department.

3. The effective date of the registration shall be the date of the City Services Department's approval.

**D. Requirements for Placement of Temporary Storage Units.**

The following requirements shall apply to the placement of Temporary Storage Units:

1. It shall be unlawful to place or permit the placement of a Temporary Storage Unit on property located within the City of East Grand Rapids unless it is registered with the City Services Department as provided in Section C above.

2. Temporary Storage Units shall only be placed upon or within a driveway or a parking area or, if access exists at the side or rear of the lot, the side or rear yard.

3. No Temporary Storage Unit shall be placed upon or within public property or a public place including without limitation, a street, sidewalk or outlawn.

4. The Temporary Storage Unit shall be located at such address for a maximum of thirty (30) consecutive days, including the days of delivery and removal.

5. Each lot is limited to a maximum of one (1) registration per six (6) month period.

6. The Temporary Storage Unit shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height, eight (8) feet in width or sixteen (16) feet in length.

7. The Temporary Storage Unit shall be secured in a manner that does not endanger the safety of persons or property in the vicinity of such unit.

8. The Temporary Storage Unit shall be maintained in good condition, free from evidence of deterioration, weathering, discoloration, graffiti, rust, ripping, tearing or other holes or breaks, at all times.

9. No Temporary Storage Unit shall be used for human occupancy or to store solid waste, construction debris, demolition debris, business

inventory, commercial goods, goods for property other than the property where the Temporary Storage Unit is located, or any other illegal or hazardous material. Upon reasonable notice, the City of East Grand Rapids may inspect the contents of any Temporary Storage Unit at any reasonable time to ensure that it is not being used to store said materials.

10. Any Temporary Storage Unit which is not removed at the end of the time for which it may lawfully remain in place, may be removed by the City immediately, without notice, and the cost of such removal may be assessed against the property on which such unit was located as a single lot assessment as provided by Section 1.306, Chapter 7 of Title I of the City Code.
11. A sign advertising the Supplier's business and mounted on a Temporary Storage Unit does not require a sign permit per Section 8.13, P, of Chapter 81, provided that the Temporary Storage Unit is in compliance with this Section 5.34 and all applicable ordinances.

**E. Enforcement and Penalties.**

Violations of this Ordinance shall be subject to the enforcement and penalties provided in this Section 5.34, and shall be enforced as municipal civil infractions in accordance with Chapter 11, Title I of the City Code.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be effective on June 1, 2007.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be published in full pursuant to the provisions of Chapter VII, Section 7.5 of the Charter of the City of East Grand Rapids.

CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Karen K. Brower, City Clerk