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RE: DC 24-02 10.1.24 Workshop additional information

A member of the public has submitted an email that they have requested to be distributed to the Commission for review and consideration. See attached.

From: [Tracy - Christy BOEDER](#)
To: cityrecorder@millersburgoregon.gov; [Matt Straite](#)
Subject: rules for Conex boxes
Date: Monday, September 30, 2024 1:47:04 PM

My name is Tracy Boeder and I live @ 4691 Woods Rd. NE we recently purchased a Conex box in preparation for moving to Tennessee. In just over a week after getting it delivered, we got a notice from the city that we could not have it and so our journey began with this issue. Long story short we have 3 families getting ready to move at the same time and this is the most economical means to do it, especially with the cost of things these days.

When trying to learn why we couldn't have it since there was no clear reason. Mr. Straite has been very helpful but what it seems is that it's just because the city says so.

I am writing to just say that I don't believe there should even be a restriction, policy, code or ordinance that prevents the residents from using their land as they see fit, especially when it isn't even going to be a permanent structure. That being said I also understand the importance of rules & guidelines and if or when they are needed that they should be clear, fair and right for the community as well as each landowner, the current Conex policy is none of these.

We own just under 2.5 acres and a Conex box does nothing to make this an eye sore in the community and if it's kept up (rust removed & painted to prevent rusting) then we should be allowed to have at least one 40ft or 2 20ft boxes. If we were living on a small residential lot where there was no place to store it but in the drive way then I could see that being a problem but please keep in mind there are homeowners all around that have camping trailers parked on the side of their homes that people could live in or be used as storage or like our neighbors to the north of us that kept their used double wide manufactured home after buying a new one and have family living in. None of these should be an issue as long as they are clean and kept up. The restriction shouldn't be not to be allowed to have them but how many and maintain appearances.

In closing, we bought this Conex just after we bought some property in Tennessee that we plan to move to. Due to inflation the home improvement projects that we were planning had to be spaced further apart changing our whole time line in moving but we still plan on moving just not as soon as we had hoped with having the Conex available it gives us the ability to continue to move forward.

Thank you for your time on this matter and looking into making it right.

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CHAPTER 3.29. – RECYCLING CENTER STANDARDS

3.29.010 Introduction and Purpose

The purpose of this Chapter is to assure that all recycling centers in the City do not detract from the safety or aesthetics of the City. The following standards are required for all recycling centers:

- (1) Walls or fencing are required surrounding all trash or material containers, collection areas, sorting areas, delivery and pick areas. Office areas and public parking areas are not required to have fencing or walls.
 - a. Walls or fences may be slatted chain link fencing (must be sight obscuring), masonry walls, or similar. Wood or corrugated metal fencing is not permitted.
 - b. Walls or fences should prevent unwanted animal or human trespassing.
- (2) All recycling and trash containers, sorting areas, delivery and pick areas, collection areas, shall be screened from public view. Office areas and public parking areas are not required to be screened.
 - a. Screening is required surrounding the entire facility, though landscaping should be more dense along public streets or anywhere where the view from the general public is apparent.
 - b. Screening shall be achieved with a variety of methods. These must include both walls or fences, and landscaping.
 - c. Landscaping shall include groundcover, hedges and trees.
 - d. Screening should be compatible with the architecture of the surrounding area.
 - e. All fencing/walls and landscaping consistent with section 3.07.040 through 070.

Provisions must be made to assure that hazardous substances are not permitted to leach into the soil. These must be approved by the City Engineer and be consistent industry best practices and Chapter 3.04, Storm Drainage.