TOWN OF MARSHFIELD
FOND DU LAC COUNTY, WISCONSIN
ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-003

The Town Board of the Town of Marshfield, upon proper notice and with a quorum present and following a recommendation by the Plan Commission and public hearing, does hereby ordain the following amendments to the Town of Marshfield Zoning Ordinance:

Section 4.8 is created to read:

4.8 Storage Containers.

1. Definitions.

    a. Storage Container. A storage container is any container, storage unit, shed-like container, membrane structure, or other portable structure, other than an accessory building or shed complying with all building codes and land use requirements. Semi-trailers, vans, or other structures with wheels shall not be considered a storage container.

    b. Temporary Storage Container. A temporary storage container is any container, storage unit, shed-like container, membrane structure, or other portable structure, other than an accessory building or shed complying with all building codes and land use requirements that can be or is used for the disposal or storage of personal property of any kind and which is located for purposed outside an enclosed building. Semi-trailers, vans, or other structures with wheels shall not be considered a temporary storage containers.

2. Location.

    a. Free standing structures (e.g., storage shed, garage, storage containers) in a residential district shall have a cumulative area not greater than 1,200 square feet, a height not more than 25 feet at the highest point, not less than 10 feet from the rear lot line, and not less than 10 feet from the side lot line. The structure shall have no more than a 2 foot overhang.

    b. A storage container on a business, general agriculture, farmland preservation, industrial, or residential zoned parcel shall:

        1) Obtain a building permit;

2) Not be located in a parking area required by this Chapter;

3) Only be located is the rear yard or side yard of a property; and

4) Observe the setback requirements for the zoning district in which it is located.

3. Stacking prohibited. Storage containers shall not be stacked one on top of another.

4. Structural Modifications prohibited. No structural modifications shall be made to a storage container.

5. Character: A storage container shall be structurally sound and in good repair. A storage container must match the principal residence on the lot in color.

6. Standards: A storage container shall not be used for human habitation, dwelling, lodging or sleeping purposes. Utilities, including but not limited to electricity and plumbing, shall not be connected to a storage container.

7. Limit on the Number of Storage Containers on a Parcel.

    a. Storage Containers shall not be allowed on any lots of less than one acre

    b. The number of storage containers allowed on a parcel shall be:

        1) On a parcel zoned residential, only one storage container shall be allowed on the parcel.

        2) On a parcel zoned general agriculture, only two storage containers shall be allowed on the parcel.

        3) On a parcel zoned farmland preservation, only two storage containers shall be allowed on the parcel.

        4) On a parcel zoned business, only two storage containers shall be allowed on the parcel.

        5) On a parcel zoned industrial, only two storage containers shall be allowed on the parcel.

8. Signage: A storage container shall not be used for signage.

9. Temporary Storage Containers.

    a. A temporary storage container shall not be used for human habitation, dwelling, lodging or sleeping purposes.

    b. There shall be no more than one temporary structure on a parcel of property.

    c. A temporary storage container may be on a parcel of property without a building permit subject to the following requirements:

        1) The temporary storage container shall not remain on any parcel in excess of 30 days per calendar year with the exception of temporary storage containers used in conjunction with a construction or remodeling project in which case the temporary storage container shall be removed within 60 days of the end of the construction or 180 days from the issuance of the building permit for the associated project, whichever is less. Extensions may be granted by the Town if it is determined that the project is progressing towards completion.

        2) Temporary storage containers shall comply with all rear and side yard setback for the District in which the temporary storage container is located.

        3) Temporary storage containers located in street or front yards shall be setback at least 15 feet from the road right of way.

All other provisions of the Town of Marshfield Zoning Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

The Town Clerk and Town Attorney are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary to implement this Ordinance.

Dated this 14th day of April, 2025.

TOWN OF MARSHFIELD

John Bord

By: John Bord, Town Chairperson

Attest:

Marlene J. Sippel

Marlene J. Sippel, Town Clerk