

**VILLAGE OF WALDO
SHEBOYGAN COUNTY, WISCONSIN
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-04**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ARTICLE VII § 67-24 AND CREATING § 195-15 OF
THE ZONING CODE PROHIBITING SHIPPING CONTAINERS, PORTABLE
STORAGE UNITS, AND STORAGE TRAILERS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS**

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Waldo has authority pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 61.34 and 62.23 to enact and amend zoning regulations to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the placement of shipping containers, portable storage units, and storage trailers on residential properties may negatively affect neighborhood character, adjacent land uses, and residential property values; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds that the long-term placement of such units functions as a structure and should be regulated as a zoning matter within residential districts; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on April 13, 2026, regarding a proposal to prohibit such units throughout the Village; and

WHEREAS, following said public hearing and upon further deliberation, the Plan Commission recommended that the prohibition be limited to residential districts to balance neighborhood aesthetics with the operational needs of other zoning districts; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds that regulation of such units within residential zoning districts will promote consistency, preserve neighborhood character, and support long-term residential land use planning; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village Board of the Village of Waldo, Sheboygan County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. Repeal.

Article VII, Section 67-24 of the Village Code of Ordinances, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 2. Creation.

Section 195-15 of the Village of Waldo Municipal Code is hereby created to read as follows:

§ 195-15. Shipping Containers, Portable Storage Units, and Storage Trailers in Residential Districts.

A. Definitions

1. **Shipping Container or Portable Storage Unit:** Any cargo container, shipping container, portable storage unit, portable on-demand storage unit, moving and storage container, PODS-type unit, store-and-move container, or similar unit designed or used for the

storage of goods or materials, with or without axles or wheels. The term includes such units placed on skids, blocks, frames, wheel assemblies, or other supports.

2. **Storage Trailer:** Any trailer, semi-trailer, enclosed trailer, or similar unit designed or used primarily for the storage of goods, equipment, materials, or personal property, whether or not attached to a motor vehicle.

B. Prohibition

No shipping container, portable storage unit, storage trailer, or similar unit shall be placed, used, stored, or maintained on any parcel zoned R-1 Single-Family Residential or R-2 Two-Family Residential, or on any property primarily used for residential purposes within the Village, except as provided in Subsection C.

C. Temporary Portable Storage Units

1. Temporary portable storage units accessory to a bona fide residential move, remodeling project, clean out, or emergency repair are permitted for not more than fourteen (14) consecutive days and not more than thirty (30) total days per parcel in a calendar year.
2. Temporary portable storage units shall comply with applicable setback requirements and shall not be placed:
 - a. Within any public street right-of-way;
 - b. On any public sidewalk or alley;
 - c. In a manner that obstructs traffic visibility or access; or
 - d. In any location that creates a safety hazard, as determined by the Zoning Administrator.
3. The Zoning Administrator may grant a temporary extension for good cause shown, including but not limited to construction projects, estate administration, fire or storm damage, or medical hardship.

D. Nonconforming Units

1. Any shipping container, portable storage unit, or storage trailer lawfully existing prior to the effective date of this ordinance shall be deemed a legal nonconforming structure or use, as applicable, and shall be regulated pursuant to § 195-5.
2. Routine maintenance of a nonconforming unit shall not be considered expansion or replacement.
3. Nonconforming units shall not be expanded, stacked, replaced, relocated, or structurally altered unless brought into compliance with this section.

E. Administration and Enforcement

The Zoning Administrator is authorized to administer and enforce this section. Violations shall be enforced pursuant to § 195-7 of this Chapter.


Section 3. Severability.

If any provision of this Ordinance is found to be unlawful or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage by the Village Board and publication/posting as required by law.

Passed and adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Waldo, Sheboygan County, Wisconsin, this 11th day of May, 2026.

By: 
Travis Thomas – Village President

Attest: 
Lisa Gillette – Village Clerk/Treasurer