



Upper Dublin Township
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PERMIT SUBMISSION GUIDE

PORTABLE STORAGE UNITS (PODS)

- If POD is located on property less than 14 days: No Permit is required
- If POD is located on property from 14 – 90 days (90 day limit): Zoning Permit Application must be submitted (\$25 permit fee)
- If POD is located in street, must have permission from Public Works, a Highway Opening Permit (HOP) must be submitted (\$25 permit fee): Other regulations may apply. Contact Public Works at 215-643-1600 x3810.
- Must be used for the temporary outside storage of personal property.
- Maximum size 8 x 8 x 16 feet.
- No more than 2 on a property at one time.
- Set back 6 feet from side or rear property line.
- Properties with driveways – 10 feet from sidewalk or edge of street.
- Properties without driveways – check with Public Works
- See Ordinance #1205 for more information (copy attached)

The Code Enforcement Department's Counter Hours are from Monday – Thursday, 7:30 am - 3 pm and Friday, 7:30 am - 12 pm All forms can be found on our website: www.upperdublin.net

Fees in effect as of the revision date

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS ONLY A GUIDE - ADDITIONAL FORMS, DOCUMENTS, SPECIFICATIONS, FEES, ETC. MAY BE REQUIRED

Revised 8/9/2019

AN ORDINANCE

NO. 1205

AN ORDINANCE To Amend The Zoning Code Of The Township Of Upper Dublin, Chapter 255, To Provide A Definition For Portable Storage Unit; To Allow Portable Storage Units As A Temporary Accessory Use On Properties Used For Residential Purposes In The A, A-1, A-2, B And C Residence Districts, With The Provision That Use Of The Unit For A Period Longer Than Fourteen Days Shall Require A Zoning Permit, And Use Of A Unit For More Than Ninety Days Within A Twelve Month Period Shall Be Prohibited, With Exceptions; Providing Regulations For The Contents And Appearance Of The Unit; Providing Regulations For Signage On The Unit; Providing Regulations For The Placement Of Units On A Property.

The Board of Commissioners of the Township of Upper Dublin hereby ordains:

Section 1. The Code of Upper Dublin Township, Chapter 255, entitled Zoning, Article 1, General Provisions, § 255-7, Definitions, shall be amended to provide the following definition in alphabetical order:

§255-7. Definitions.

Unless otherwise expressly stated, the following words and phrases shall be construed throughout this chapter to have the following meanings indicated below:

PORTABLE STORAGE UNIT – A transportable fully enclosed box-like container, not an accessory building or shed, which has a maximum size of 8 feet by 8 feet by 16 feet and which is:

- A. Designed for the temporary outside storage of personal property, household items, wares, building materials or merchandise; and
- B. Rented to the owner or occupant of the site where it is placed in use; and
- C. Delivered and removed by truck.

Section 2. The Code of Upper Dublin Township, Chapter 255, entitled Zoning, Article IV, Accessory Buildings, Structures and Uses, shall be amended to add § 255-30.2, Portable storage units, to provide as follows:

§ 255-30.2. Portable storage units. Portable storage units for temporary storage on properties used for residential purposes in the A, A-1, A-2, B and C Residence Districts are permitted as a temporary accessory use subject to the following provisions:

- A. No more than two portable storage units shall be permitted on a property at any time.
- B. A portable storage unit(s) may be placed on a lot for up to fourteen (14) days if used in conjunction with the movement of household goods.
- C. A portable storage unit may be placed on a lot for up to ninety (90) days with the issuance of a Zoning Permit by the Code Enforcement Department. However, if the container is being used in conjunction with a project for which a permit has been issued for the property where it is placed, the container may remain on the property until the completion of the project.
- D. It shall be prohibited to use a portable storage unit for more than ninety (90) days within a twelve-month period, except as permitted above.
- E. Except for portable storage unit(s) placed on a lot for fourteen (14) days or less, no such unit may display advertising except for the name, address and telephone number of the vendor, and that information must be contained within a space no larger than eight (8) square feet.
- F. Portable storage units may not be used to store hazardous substances as defined in Chapter 117 of the Upper Dublin Code.
- G. Portable storage units must be delivered and maintained in good condition, free of evidence of deterioration, weathering, discoloration, rust, ripping, tearing or having holes or breaks.
- H. Portable storage units must be locked when not in active use.
- I. Required setbacks
 - a. The unit shall be setback a minimum of six (6) feet from a side or rear property line.
 - b. On properties having driveways, the unit must be located at least ten (10) feet from the sidewalk (if present) or edge of the street.
 - c. On properties without driveways, the unit may be located in the street after issuance of a permit by the Public Works Department.

Section 3. The Code of Upper Dublin Township, Chapter 110, entitled Fees, § 110-17. Zoning, shall be amended by the addition of a new paragraph I, Portable Storage Units, to provide as follows:

§ 110-17. Zoning.

In accordance with Chapter 255, Zoning, the following fees shall be charged:

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- I. Portable Storage Units. The fee for a zoning permit to allow a portable storage unit on a property shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per unit.


Section 4. Nothing in this Ordinance or in Chapters 255 or 110 of the Code of the Township of Upper Dublin, as hereby amended, shall be construed to affect any suit or proceedings in any Court, any rights acquired or liability incurred, any permit issued, or any cause or causes of action existing under the said Chapters 255 and 110 prior to the adoption of this amendment.

Section 5. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any section, sentence, clause, part, or provision thereof shall be held illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of this court shall not affect or impair the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, parts or provisions of this ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board that this ordinance would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional section, sentence, clause, part, or provision had not been included herein.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval as required by law.

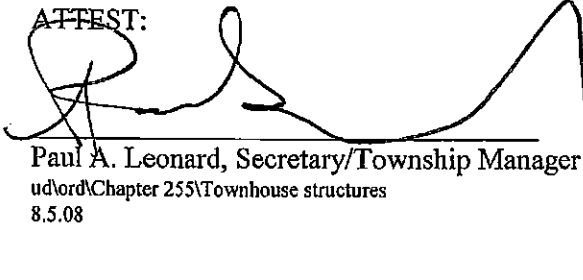
Enacted by the Board of Commissioners of Upper Dublin Township this *7th* day of *October*, 2008.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
UPPER DUBLIN TOWNSHIP



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Paul A. Leonard, Secretary/Township Manager
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