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Accessory Storage- Cargo Containers

Cargo containers (also referred to as "seatrains" or shipping containers) are defined as a prefabricated metal structure designed for use as an enclosed truck trailer in accordance with Department of Transportation (DOT) standards. This does **not** include architecturally modified cargo containers used as a building material.

The City of Atascadero allows for the use of cargo containers for accessory storage purposes based on the following standards:

1 cargo container may be permitted on commercial, industrial, or single-family residential lots over one (1) gross acre in size, subject to Design Review Committee review 2 or more cargo containers may be **permitted with** a **minor conditional use permit (CUP)** on a commercial, industrial, or single-family residential lot over one (1) gross acre in size



Cargo containers shall be located in the **rear half of the property** in commercial, industrial, and residential zones, not in the front or street facing side yard setback of a residential property. Setbacks shall be consistent with underlying zone setback requirements.

YES

A building permit is

required for cargo

containers over one

hundred twenty (120)

square feet in size

Is the container larger than 120 square feet?

Use Exemptions:

- for temporary on-site storage associated with a construction project
- for temporary commercial storage with an administrative use permit (not to exceed 4 months)

NO

The container is exempt from building permit requirements provided it meets property line and structure setbacks required by this title and does not have any utility connections.

Cargo containers shall not be used for permanent or temporary human occupancy, including, but not limited to, living, sleeping, or other residential uses.

Prohibited Uses

Accessory storage units may not occupy any required parking areas or obstruct Fire Department Access Ways.