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PORTABLE STORAGE UNIT APPLICATION

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*Incomplete applications may not be processed.

Date: _____

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Property Owner Name: _____ Subdivision: _____

Property Owner Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

LOCATION OF PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINER - Please attach a plot plan of your lot indicating the intended placement of the Portable Storage Container. If you are unable to produce a plot plan, an aerial Google Earth or Google Maps image is acceptable.

Address where Portable Storage Container will be stored: _____

Permits for Portable Storage Containers shall be limited to a maximum of three (3) fourteen (14) day permits per lot within a calendar year.

How long will you keep the portable storage unit at your property? Start date: _____ End Date: _____

PORTABLE STORAGE UNIT DIMENSIONS: No Portable Storage Container shall exceed one hundred sixty (160) square feet in area and ten (10) feet in height.

Length: _____ Width: _____ Height: _____

*****Please Read*****

Portable Storage Container applications are typically reviewed by the Building Official, Planning /Zoning, and Engineering but may be subject to review by other City staff and/or approval by City Council.

A Portable Storage Container is defined as a transportable storage structure or container that is designed and used primarily for the storage of goods, items, and materials placed outside of the primary structure on a property. Portable Storage Containers include but are not limited to containers uniquely designed for their ease of loading to and from a transport vehicle. The trailer portion of a tractor trailer, boxcars, shipping containers, and similar structures, shall also be considered Portable Storage Containers when expressly used for the purposes of on-site outdoor storage.

No mechanical, plumbing, electrical, or other utility connections or installations shall be made to or within any Portable Storage Container.

A Portable Storage Container shall have clearly posted on its exterior a copy of its current permit showing the date that the Portable Storage Container was placed at the site.

A COMPLETE VERSION OF THE CITY OF MADISON'S PORTABLE STORAGE ORDINANCE IS INCLUDED ON THE BACK OF THIS APPLICATION FOR YOUR REVIEW.

My signature (applicant) below certifies that to the best of my knowledge all information provided on this application is true and correct and that I understand that any violation of this Section 8-79 may be punishable by a fine or other recourse.

Property Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____

Chief Building Official: _____ Date: _____ Not Approved

Zoning Administrator: _____ Date: _____ Not Approved

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REGULATIONS

REGARDING PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA, as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 8, "Buildings, Construction, and Related Activities," Article IV, "Regulations and Standards," of the Code of Ordinances, City of Madison, Alabama, is hereby amended to add a new Section 8-79. Portable Storage Containers:

"Section 8-79. Portable Storage Containers.

(a) Portable Storage Container Definition.

Portable Storage Container means a transportable storage structure or container that is designed and used primarily for the storage of goods, items, and materials placed outside of the primary structure on a property. Portable Storage Containers include but are not limited to containers uniquely designed for their ease of loading to and from a transport vehicle. The trailer portion of a tractor trailer, boxcars, shipping containers, and similar structures, shall also be considered Portable Storage Containers when expressly used for the purposes of on-site outdoor storage.

(b) Portable Storage Container Requirements.

(1) No more than one (1) Portable Storage Container may be placed on any lot, unless otherwise provided in this Section 8-79, and Portable Storage Containers shall be subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(a) Prior to placement of a Portable Storage Container on a lot, the owner of the property or the owner of the Portable Storage Container shall apply for and obtain a permit as required in this Section 8-79.

(b) No Portable Storage Container shall encroach or be placed upon public rights-of-way or other public property.

(c) All Portable Storage Containers shall be set back a minimum of ten (10) feet from the front property line, a minimum of five (5) feet from the side and rear property lines, and a minimum of five (5) feet from all other structures on the property. If placed in a front yard, a Portable Storage Container shall comply with the safe sight distance triangle guidelines as defined by the adopted standards of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

(d) No mechanical, plumbing, electrical, or other utility connections or installations shall be made to or within any Portable Storage Container.

(e) No Portable Storage Container shall exceed one hundred sixty (160) square feet in area and ten (10) feet in height.

(f) Multi-family dwellings are allowed one (1) Portable Storage Container per dwelling unit. Portable Storage Containers shall not be placed in required parking spaces or landscaped areas of a multi-family dwelling.

(2) Portable Storage Containers incidental to construction of buildings or primary structures that are covered by an active building permit are permitted without a permit. However, such Portable Storage Containers are subject to the other provisions of this Section 8-79 and shall be removed within five (5) days following either completion or abandonment of construction or expiration of the permit.

(c) Portable Storage Container Permits.

(1) Before placement of a Portable Storage Container on any property, the property owner or his or her agent shall obtain a permit from the Building Department of the City, unless otherwise provided in this Section 8-79.

(2) The Building Department shall issue permits under this section, with the advice and consent of the Department of Planning and Economic Development. The permit fee shall be designated by the City Council from

time to time and listed in Appendix A, Fee Schedule, of the Madison City Code.

(3) Permits for Portable Storage Containers shall be limited to a maximum of three (3) fourteen (14) day permits per lot within a calendar year.

(4) A Portable Storage Container shall have clearly posted on its exterior a copy of its current permit showing the date that the Portable Storage Container was placed at the site.

(5) The Building Director is authorized to revoke a permit or order the removal of a Portable Storage Container at any time if he or she determines that the utilization of a Portable Storage Container is causing unsafe or unsanitary conditions on the permitted property or adjoining properties, or if a Portable Storage Container is in violation of any of the conditions or limitations stated in this Section 8-79.

(6) In the event that substantial damage to or destruction of a primary structure occurs, or in other special circumstances resulting in hardship for a property owner, such circumstances may be described in the permit application, and a property owner may request an allowance for an extension of time or additional Portable Storage Container on a property. The Building Department may grant such applications upon confirmation of the adverse circumstances and compliance with this Ordinance, as well as a determination that granting the application will not be materially detrimental to persons residing or working in the vicinity, to adjacent property, to the neighborhood, or to the public welfare in general.

(d) Violation and remedies.

(1) A violation of this Section 8-79 shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed the sum of \$500.00 for each offense, and if a willful violation, by imprisonment, not to exceed six months, or both, at the discretion of the court trying the same. Each day shall constitute a separate offense.

(2) The continued or recurrent performance of any act or acts prohibited by this Section 8-79 is hereby declared to be detrimental to the health, safety, comfort and convenience of the public and is a nuisance. The city, as an additional or alternative remedy, may institute injunctive proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction to abate the same or proceed as otherwise authorized under law to address nuisances.

Section 2. That Appendix A, "Fee Schedule," of the Code of Ordinances, City of Madison, Alabama, is hereby amended to include a Portable Storage Container permit fee of twenty five dollars (\$25.00).

Section 3. That Appendix B(a)(4), Schedule of Fines for Non-traffic offenses, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Madison, Alabama, is hereby amended by the addition of a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for a violation of this Ordinance.

Section 4. The provisions of this Ordinance are intended to be severable, and if any word, clause, phrase, sentence, paragraph, or provision of this Ordinance shall be invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any other word, clause, phrase, sentence, paragraph, or provision hereof.

Section 5. This Ordinance, after its adoption and proper publication as provided by law, shall be effective as of October 1, 2018.