

**CITY OF OAK FOREST**

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COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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Scott Burkhardt  
City Clerk

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WHEREAS, the City of Oak Forest is an Illinois municipal corporation organized and operated under the laws of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oak Forest is a home rule municipality as defined by Article VII of the Illinois Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to create legislation in the Municipal Code as it relates to the placement of portable outdoor storage containers (commonly known as 'PODS') in residential districts within the City of Oak Forest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAK FOREST, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

**SECTION 1:**        *Title* – the title of the section shall be 'Use of Portable Outdoor Storage Units in Residential Areas.'

**SECTION 2:**        *Definition* – The definition of a Portable Outdoor Storage Unit shall be as follows:

*A Portable Outdoor Storage Unit includes a purpose-built, fully enclosed container placed outdoors which is designed and intended to temporarily serve as a storage or containment unit for household goods or equipment.*

**SECTION 3:**        *Permitted use* – The definition of permitted use shall be defined as follows:

*Portable Outdoor Storage Units are to serve a temporary use only and are not to become permanent fixtures in any residential zoning district within the corporate municipal boundaries of the City of Oak Forest.*

**SECTION 4:**      Regulations – Regulations for use of Portable Outdoor Storage Units ('Unit') in residential districts shall be defined as follows:

- a) The Unit must be an accessory to a principal building or use.*
- b) There shall be no more than one (1) portable storage unit per property.*
- c) The unit shall be no more that sixteen (16) feet in length, eight (8) feet in width and eight (8) feet in height.*
- d) The unit shall be placed on a driveway or other paved surface.*
- e) The unit shall not be placed on a private or public street, or where such unit obstructs a public sidewalk or limits or blocks traffic visibility.*
- f) The unit shall not store hazardous substances or materials that emit noxious odors.*
- g) Units shall be maintained in a good state of repair, free from rust, peeling paint and other forms of visible deterioration.*

**SECTION 5:**      Length of time of use – The unit shall remain on the property for no more than thirty (30) days per calendar year.

**SECTION 6:**        *Permit required* – A permit must be obtained prior to placement of the unit. The permit shall be issued at no cost to the resident.

**SECTION 7:**        *Existing units* – Existing units currently placed and in use in any residential zoning district within the corporate municipal boundaries of the City of Oak Forest must come into conformance with regulations of this ordinance within sixty (60) days following passage of this ordinance.

**SECTION 8:**        If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions of this ordinance.

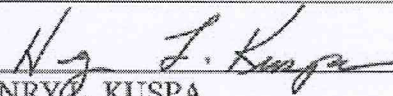
**SECTION 9:**        All Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 10:**       This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication, as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2011 pursuant to roll call vote as follows:

Aldermen	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Laura Clemons First Ward	✓			
Richard D. Simon Second Ward	✓			
Diane Wolf Third Ward	✓			
Chuck Toland Fourth Ward				✓
Daniel P. Ensing Fifth Ward	✓			
Peter Muscarella Sixth Ward	✓			
Mark G. Keating Seventh Ward	✓			
Henry L. Kuspa Mayor	6	0	0	1

APPROVED by the Mayor on MAY 24, 2011:

  
HENRY L. KUSPA  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
SCOTT BURKHARDT  
CITY CLERK