

ORDINANCE NO.: 2026-04

CITY OF BALDWIN
SHERBURNE COUNTY, MINNESOTA

AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE REGULATING ACCESSORY BUILDINGS.

THE BALDWIN CITY COUNCIL ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 900-2-2 of Ordinance 900 (Zoning Ordinance – Definitions) is hereby amended to include the following definition:

Shipping Container: A standardized, reusable steel box designed for secure transport and storage of goods across intermodal transport by sea, rail, and highway without unloading the cargo.; not including storage containers with axles affixed or semi-trailers.

Section 2. Section 900-18-2.g of Ordinance 900 (Zoning Ordinance – Accessory Uses, Structures, and Buildings) is hereby amended to read as follows:

G. ~~*Shipping/Storage Containers and Semi-Trailers: Shipping/storage containers and semi-trailers are prohibited for use as an accessory structure on any platted lot and on non-platted residential lots less than 10 acres in area, except when used for the following purposes shall be allowed to be used as accessory structures upon residential properties within the R1 District with approval of an administrative permit in accordance with chapter 8 of this ordinance and the following provisions:*~~

1. *As Permanent Structure:*

a. *The lot or parcel shall be a minimum of 10 acres in area.*

b. *Not more than one shipping container shall be allowed for each parcel or lot.*

c. *Location:*

(1) *Shipping container shall not be located in a front yard or the side yard of a corner lot abutting a public right of way.*

(2) *Shipping container shall be setback a minimum of:*

(a) Side lot lines: 20 feet

(b) Rear lot lines: 50 feet

d. *The shipping container shall at a minimum be painted an earth tone color with no text or logos visible.*

e. The shipping container shall be anchored to the ground by a foundation or other means subject to approval of the Building Official.

2. As Temporary Storage:

a. ~~As a temporary storage unit for moving purposes for~~ For a period of not more than one consecutive month or a total of 30 days within a 12 month period; or

2b. As a temporary construction project container not to exceed three consecutive months. For a period not to exceed 180 days within a 12 month period only when there is an active building permit issued for the parcel or lot.

3c. Shipping containers used for temporary purposes on platted lots shall comply with the parking requirements for vehicles provided for in chapter 21 of this ordinance.

3. Shipping containers sided, except for the doors, with exterior finish materials, consistent with the principal building and having a pitched roof shall be exempt from the provisions of this section.

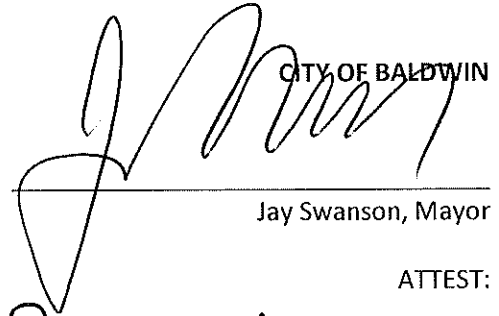
Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full effect upon adoption and publication.

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ADOPTED by the Baldwin City Council this 1st day of April, 2026.

MOTION BY: *Rush*
SECONDED BY: *Case*
IN FAVOR: *Swanson, Walker*
OPPOSED: *Helm*

CITY OF BALDWIN



Jay Swanson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Joan Hienen, City Clerk/Treasurer