



City of Mission Viejo

Memorandum

To: Storage Container Permit Applicants

From: Joe Ames, P.E., Assistant City Engineer

Subject: Placement of Storage Containers on City Streets

The intent of this memorandum is meant to clarify the requirements for placement of storage containers on City streets.

1. An encroachment permit from the Department of Public Works is required prior to placement per Mission Viejo Municipal Code Chapter 14.03.
2. The applicant for the encroachment permit shall be the storage container company.
3. The applicant must provide a general liability insurance endorsement naming the City of Mission Viejo as additional insured.
4. The time limit for the placement of storage containers under an approved encroachment permit is 168 hours (7 days).

Storage containers, when improperly placed, can pose a hazard to the travelling public on City streets. As a condition of permit issuance, storage containers shall not be placed in locations that interfere with sight distance, block sidewalks or driveways, or otherwise interfere with the safe use of streets and highways by pedestrians, bicyclists, and motor vehicles. Storage containers may also constitute a nuisance to neighbors when left for long periods of time by interfering with street parking or the aesthetic appeal of the neighborhood, and as a result, placement will be limited in duration.

In order to provide for better control over the placement and timeliness of movement of any storage containers, the applicant for the permit must be the storage container company as the storage container company is the person responsible for the placement and the removal of the storage container on the street.

Encroachment permit applications, insurance certificate requirements, and submittal instructions may be obtained on the City's website at www.cityofmissionviejo.org. Click on "Document Center" and look for the following PDF titled documents: "Encroachment Permit," "Insurance Requirements," and "Encroachment Permit Submittal Process," respectively.