

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF SENOIA, GEORGIA FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE USE OF PORTABLE ON DEMAND STORAGE UNITS (PODS); TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Senoia seeks to add definitions, clarify terms of permitted use, and establish a permit for the use of Portable on demand storage units within Senoia, and

WHEREAS, the use of PODS has become more prevalent in recent years and there are no current regulations related to the safe and permissible use of these containers; and

WHEREAS, Sec. 74-3. *Purpose of districts* establishes promotion of the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity and general welfare of the present and future inhabitants of the city as a significant public policy and to preserve the existing historical character of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the City of Senoia, Georgia, and by the authority of same, as follows:

Article XII

ADD Section 74-267- REGULATION OF PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS.

DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

IMPROVED SURFACE. A surface area providing a stable base in an area not subject to water run-off and/or flooding.

PODS. An acronym and common name for portable on demand storage units.

PORTABLE ON DEMAND STORAGE UNIT. Any box-like container transported by truck, tractor or other vehicle for movement from place to place when used for a temporary storage device. The storage capacity would be more than 216 cubic feet and normally would be stored off-site.

REGULATION OF PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to park, place or suffer the placement of any PODS or similar device in or upon any street, highway, roadway, designated fire lane or sidewalk in the city.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to park, place or allow the placement of any PODS or similar devices upon any lot or property in the city other than on an improved surface.
- (c) No person shall install, deposit, park or leave any POD or similar devices on any property within the city without first obtaining a permit from the City Clerk. A permit fee of \$100 is required. The permit shall be for a time period not to exceed 90 days during which time the unit may be kept on the property. The 90 days will include loading and unloading time. No more than one permit may be issued for any lot or parcel of property in any 12-month period. If an additional permit for 90 days is required, it must be requested in an appearance before Mayor and Council. Permit fee shall include the application review and approval, initial site inspection and 90 day follow up inspection to be performed by the building official or designee.
- (d) Any PODS or similar devices which are installed, placed, deposited or parked on any property shall be so situated as to minimize the potential for interference with sight lines for motorists on adjoining streets and nearby driveways and, where possible, not within the front setback or front yard of the principal building.
- (e) The maximum allowable size for a portable storage container in a residential district is 160 square feet with an overall length not to exceed 20 feet.
- (f) Not more than one portable container shall be allowed in the front yard of any lot on which a single-family dwelling has been constructed. Not more than three (3) PODS shall be permitted on any single zoned lot.
- (g) PODS or similar moving containers shall comply with the designated setbacks for the zoning classification in which the parcel is located.
- (h) PODS or similar moving containers shall not be used for human occupancy.
- (i) PODS or similar moving containers shall not be used as accessory structures.

PENALTY.

Any person who shall intentionally, knowingly, recklessly or with criminal negligence violate any provision of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined in an amount not to exceed \$500. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

Article XV

Sec. 74-317. – Repeal of conflicting ordinances; validity of prior approval and actions.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby be repealed.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption. This _____ day of _____, 2023.

SENOIA, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL

Mayor - William “Dub” Pearman, III

Attest:

By: _____

Lynn Carter, City Clerk

First Reading:
