

OPEN STORAGE

CHAPTER 13: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES AND PROVISIONS ARTICLE XI. OPEN STORAGE

Sec. 13-161. Definitions.

Open storage means the placement in an unenclosed area in a residential or apartment zoning district for a continuous period in excess of 24 hours for items not customarily used or stored outside, items not made of a material that is resistant to damage or deterioration from exposure to the outside environment, indoor furniture, household items, products of a commercial trade or business enterprise, building material not being used or held for an immediate use, scrap metal, and any item that will create a nuisance or hazard; or a motor vehicle, recreational vehicle or trailer that is inoperative and does not have a valid state registration.

(Ord. No. 3686, § 1, 11-12-07; Ord. No. 4437, 09-26-22)

Sec. 13-162. Open storage.

(a) Open storage in a residential district shall not be permitted in the front yard, in a carport, on an unenclosed front porch, driveway, or any open and unenclosed area visible from any public right-of-way. Open storage shall not exceed one percent of the lot area of any residential lot and shall be screened from adjacent properties, streets and alley by a six-foot-high, solid wooden screening fence. The area of the lot occupied by open storage shall be calculated by measuring the area of the smallest rectangle necessary to encompass all of the materials involved within the open storage. The area occupied by an operative motor vehicle or recreational vehicle or trailer with a valid state registration shall be excluded when calculating the area occupied by open storage.

(b) Open storage in an apartment district shall not be permitted on a balcony, on a front porch or any other open and unenclosed area visible from any public right-of-way. Open storage shall not exceed one percent of the enclosed area in which it is stored and shall be screened from adjacent properties, adjacent apartment units, common areas, streets and alleys by a six-foot-high, solid wooden screening fence.

(Ord. No. 3686, § 1, 11-12-07)