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Approved Fairfax Federation Resolution

Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment Regarding Residential Temporary Storage Containers

July 10, 2007

Fairfax County Planning Commission
12000 Government Center Parkway
Suite 330
Fairfax, VA 22035

Subject:

Dear Commissioners and Staff:

At our June 18 meeting, the Membership of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations voted unanimously for several recommendations regarding the use of temporary storage containers in residential areas:

1. For single family detached and townhouses, we support the Staff recommendation for maximum gross floor area of 130 square feet and maximum height of 8.5 feet.
2. For single family detached uses, we support the Staff recommendation for a maximum time period of 30 days.
3. For townhouses, we support the Staff recommendation for maximum time period of 7 days.
4. For single family detached and townhouses, we support a maximum signage area of 4 SF, with a transition period to accommodate conversion of existing storage units.
5. For temporary special permits townhouses, we support the Staff recommendation for maximum time of 6 months plus extensions as granted by the BZA.
6. Recognizing that the proposed ZOA includes new language for safety and access, we believe that the County should also develop safety standards to enable escape for persons trapped inside storage units.
7. Users of residential portable storage containers should self-certify that they are aware of and in compliance with any applicable homeowner and/or citizens association covenants.

Thank you for considering the position of the Federation in your decision on this matter, scheduled for July 19, 2007.

Sincerely,

Steve DelBianco
Chair, Land Use Committee
Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations