

Memo

To: Planning Commission
From: Bryan Myrkle, Community Development Director
Date: June 1, 2018
Re: Temporary Car Ports

Under our zoning ordinance, temporary car ports and covers fall under the jurisdiction of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Over the past few years, as these structures have become very affordable and easy to erect, they have started to proliferate throughout the city. Virtually no one is checking to see if they need a permit before buying and installing these.

As we have talked about RV Parking and accessory structures, the building department has requested that the city create a plan for addressing these structures.

Before adopting standards for their use in the City, the Zoning Board of Appeals has requested that the Planning Commission discuss the issue and make a recommendation.

Please see the memo I wrote to the ZBA last month, and included in your packet here, for more information about the issue, and for examples of the kind of structures we are talking about.

After discussing the issue with the Building Department, we are recommending that, in terms of placement and permitting, these structures be treated the same as any other shed or building by adhering to setback requirements, and rules on placement.

In addition, we would ask that they be securely anchored to the ground, and recognizing that they are supposed to be temporary, that a time limit be placed on their installation. Because many of these are very light-duty, we are recommending a maximum time limit of 2 years.