

ORDINANCE NO. 262

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS,  
BEAVER COUNTY, GOVERNING LARGE PORTABLE STORAGE  
CONTAINERS AND ROLL-OFF TRASH CONTAINERS**

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by The Council of the Borough of Patterson Heights and it is hereby ordained and enacted by virtue of the authority of the same as follows:

**Section 1. Applicability**

This Ordinance shall apply to the location and duration of use of portable storage containers and roll-off trash containers on any property within the Borough of Patterson Heights.

**Section 2. Definitions**

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section. Where terms are not defined through the methods authorized by this section, such terms shall have ordinarily accepted meanings as the context implies.

- (a) **“Portable storage container”** means any self-supporting metal/ wood/ plastic container, usually metal or metal-framed, designed and used for the storage of personal or business property of a nonhazardous nature which is typically rented or leased to owners or occupants of property for their temporary use and which is typically delivered and removed by truck.
- (b) **“Roll-off trash container”** means a large container designed and used for the temporary storage of refuse, rubbish, trash, garbage, junk, debris, offal, or any material rejected as useless and fit only to be thrown away. Such container is typically rented or leased to owners or occupants of property for their temporary use and which is typically delivered and removed by truck.

### **Section 3. Condition and Maintenance**

All portable storage containers and roll-off trash containers shall be delivered and maintained in good condition, free from rodents, insects, graffiti, vulgar and/or pornographic words or pictures. It shall be the responsibility of the property owner or occupant and the supplying company to maintain the portable storage containers or roll-off trash containers in accordance with the provisions of this section.

### **Section 4. Placement and Duration of Use**

(a) TEMPORARY: On all property zoned or used for residential, or commercial purposes, storage containers or roll-off trash containers may remain in use only so long as a valid building or trade permit is in place for the property on which the container is placed. No separate permit is required so long as the use is indicated on the approved site plan or building permit for the project. When no building permit is in effect, a roll-off container may not be placed on a lot for more than thirty (30) days unless authorized in writing by the Borough secretary or his designee. In residentially zoned areas, the container must be placed on the driveway or other privately owned space, and may not extend into the public right-of-way. Should existing site conditions not allow for the placement of a portable storage container in full compliance with these provisions, exceptions may be considered and written approval granted on a case by case basis by the Borough secretary or his designee.

(b) RESIDENTIAL: In areas which are residentially zoned, when no building or trade permit is in effect for the property, a portable storage container may be placed on the driveway or other approved pavement for a period not to exceed 14 days, provided that

the container is not located within any public right-of-way and does not block any public sidewalk. The Borough secretary, or his designee, may grant one 14 day extension, for good cause, when requested in writing. A container may not be placed on the same property more than three non-consecutive times in a one-year period. Failure to remove a container after the initial 14 day period, unless extended, may result in charges filed by the borough for failure to comply with this section. Such containers may not be permanently located in areas that are residentially zoned.

**Section 5. Fines and Penalties**

Violation of this section shall be punishable by fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day.

**Section 6. Inconsistent Ordinances**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

**Section 7. Effective Date**

The provisions of the Ordinance shall become effective February 16<sup>th</sup> 2013.

ENACTED, AND ORDAINED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS

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Secretary

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Council President

EXAMINED AND APPROVED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.

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Mayor