



FIRE PREVENTION MANUAL

CODE REQUIREMENTS

402.007 INTERNATIONAL STANDARDIZATION ORGANIZATION (ISO) STORAGE CONTAINERS

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SCOPE

This policy clarifies the Fresno Fire Department's (FFD or Department) requirements for the use of International Standardization Organization (ISO) storage containers.

PURPOSE

This policy has been established to clarify the Department's requirements for the use of ISO shipping containers for storage purposes.

DEFINITION

ISO storage containers are defined as Department of Transportation (DOT) approved pre-manufactured, metal shipping containers.

REQUIREMENTS

ISO containers will be evaluated as close as possible to exterior storage. The following criteria shall be specific to ISO containers being used for storage:

1. A revised site plan must be submitted to and approved by the City of Fresno Development and Resource Management Department (DARM) prior to submitting to the Fire Department.
2. No stacking of containers is permitted.
3. Containers shall be a minimum of 10 feet from all buildings and property lines.
4. No utility installations are permitted (electrical, water, or sewer).
5. Containers are for storage use only (no habitable space).

6. Flammable/combustible liquids and hazardous materials stored under exempt amounts per outdoor control area as defined in the current adopted version of the California Fire Code.
7. No connecting structures or attached canopies are permitted.
8. Surrounding property shall be free of vegetation.

The Department reserves the right to modify requirements based on individual circumstances.