

TEMPORARY STRUCTURES

Temporary structure definition: Any building or structure deemed to be exempt from the county permitting process, which is easily moved, without any foundation or footing or site preparation, which is intended to be used for a limited period of time and when removed results in no physical alteration of the site.

This may include, but is not limited to, tents, trailers, tables, carts, canopies, wagons, recreational vehicles, food trucks, vending machines not placed against the side of any permanent structure, and prefabricated shelters or barns.

These design guidelines do not apply to a structure being utilized by a business operating for less than fifteen days under an Itinerant Merchants License. However, those merchants are strongly encouraged to consider and follow these guidelines, to help preserve the unique character and charm of our community. Delivery trucks and trailers being utilized by a business with a permanent storefront are also exempt from these guidelines.

TS1 Temporary structures may remain in place for no more than one sixty (60) day period per calendar year OR remain in place for no more than 15 consecutive days or 60 days total per calendar year. Any structure intended to be in place for longer than that time shall be evaluated as a permanent structure. Applicants planning a temporary structure that would be in place for more than sixty days may request that it is reviewed as a permanent structure from the outset, rather than submitting a new Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) application after the sixty day period. See the design guidelines for New Construction and Additions for more information.

TS2 Temporary structures must be removed within three days after the operating period expires.

TS3 The design, material, size, scale, and color of any temporary structure should be compatible with nearby buildings.

TS4 If a temporary structure is to be placed on a lot where a building is present, the temporary structure should generally be placed in the rear of the property, behind the primary structure.

TS5 Temporary structures should be placed in a location where they will not create conflicts with vehicular, bicycle or pedestrian movement. The placement should be coordinated with the placement of existing site features, such as landscape elements and street furnishings.

TS6 Temporary structures should not obscure other buildings, their architectural details, or signage from public view.

TS7 The total signage area for temporary structures may not exceed one square foot for each 15 square feet of interior space. However, any temporary structure being used for a business purpose shall be allowed a minimum of 10 square feet of sign surface.

TS8 All temporary signs to be displayed for more than four days must be approved by the Planning Director by writing on them the date of display and date for removal. Any signs other than political signs that are to be displayed more than 60 days are considered permanent and must receive a sign permit as such.

TS9 Internally illuminated, edge-lit, neon, revolving or flashing signs are not allowed.

TS10 Avoid the use of poster boards or handmade signs.

TS11 Wheeled temporary structures that will remain in one place should be skirted in such a way to hide the undercarriage and wheels.

TS12 When deciding on the color for a temporary structure, it is strongly encouraged that colors consistent with the palette approved for use within the Town of Nashville are utilized. Generally speaking, these are muted, earth-toned colors (e.g. browns, greens, grays, etc.) that would blend in with natural materials.



Left: This long-term temporary structure is built of traditional materials, and landscaped to help it blend with its surroundings.



Right: If a trailer is to be utilized in one place as a temporary structure, skirting should be added to hide the wheels.