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Law approved governing temporary storage units

At the June City Council meeting, Council members approved a law governing temporary storage units. People may be more familiar with some of the brand names like PODS or PACK-RAT. Following is the text of the law.

§ 140-15. Care of premises.

E. In any zoning district, the placement of a portable temporary storage unit is allowed for temporary use by the occupant of a dwelling or operator of a business for a maximum of seven (7) days within a one-year

time period. Such portable storage units are subject to the following limitations.

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City tax bills are mailed by mid-July. Anyone not receiving a bill should call Marian Delaney at 322-9811.

The next regular City Council meeting is 7 p.m., Tues., July 8 at Town Hall

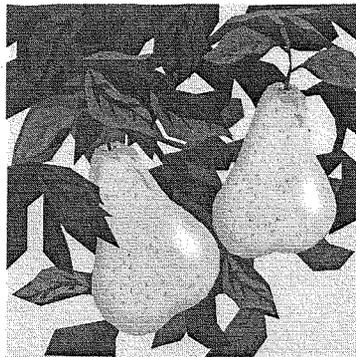
Community Event:

Saturday, August 9, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

New Castle Garden Festivous and Great Pear Cook-Off!

Save the date and celebrate summer at the **New Castle Garden Festivous** on August 9! Garden Festivous premiered last year at the Read House and Gardens and will be hosted by the following partners: the New Castle Historical Society, New Castle Court House Museum, Delaware Historical Society, the Velocipede Museum and New Castle Visitors Bureau. In the true spirit of New Castle, enjoy a blend of contemporary and historical music, games, activities and tours of museums and gardens as you stroll about town.

Summer is here, and the pears on the historic pear tree in the Read House gardens are ripening as they have for the last 150 years. Now you can create your special recipe with a little piece of history!



There are three categories for recipes: Savory, Sweet and Youth (ages 16 and under). Fabulous prizes will be awarded for first and second place in each category.

Stop at the Read House and Gardens between August 4 and 8, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. to register and pick up your pears. Pears are available on a first-come, first-served basis and registration is \$5 per recipe. Judging occurs on August 9, during the **New Castle Garden Festivous**.

For more information, please contact Katie Farrer at the Read House and Gardens at kfarrer@dehistory.org or (302) 295-3284.

Great pear cook-off

Do you like experimenting in the kitchen? If so, then we encourage you to enter the **4th Annual Great Pear Cook-Off** at the Read House and Gardens.

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New law for temporary storage units

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(1) The temporary storage unit shall be set back a minimum of three (3) feet from any property line. The maximum dimensions for any such storage unit shall not exceed nine (9) feet in width, nine (9) feet in height and seventeen (17) feet in length.

(2) The temporary storage unit shall be placed on either a hard concrete or asphalt surface and may displace one or more off-street parking spaces, provided there is adequate on-street parking for displaced vehicles.

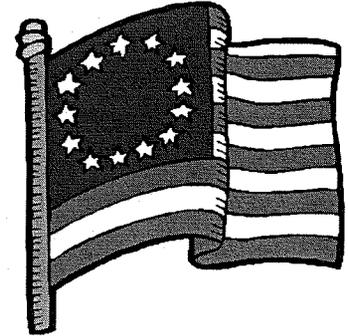
(3) A temporary storage unit may be placed within legal parking areas on the public streets for purposes of loading or unloading for a maximum time period of 72 hours.

(4) Exception. In the event that it is unfeasible to place a temporary storage unit on either a hard concrete or asphalt

surface as required herein-above, the temporary storage unit may be placed on unpaved ground on the property. The location of the temporary storage unit, however, shall not affect the health, safety, and/or welfare of the neighborhood including, but not limited to, blocking access to a fire hydrant, occupying a fire lane and/or obstructing line of sight at street intersections.

(5) Permits and Fees: A permit shall be obtained for each temporary storage unit, prior to placement of the unit. The permit fee shall be \$25 for any period of time up to the maximum seven (7) day limit for the placement of such units, or in the case of placement on the public streets a maximum time period of 72 hours. A permit may be issued after the placement of a unit, at which time that permit may be issued for a maximum of up to seven (7) days or 72

Revised trash pickup schedule for July & August: 6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



City Offices will be closed and there will be no trash pickup Friday, July 4, in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

hours, whichever is applicable; and the permit fee in these cases shall be \$50.

Said fee shall be payable to the City of New Castle and collected at the Administration Offices. Upon the expiration of the permit, the temporary storage unit shall be removed. Enforcement of this section of the City Code dealing with temporary storage units shall be carried out by the Housing Code Enforcement Official.

§ 140-40. Violations and penalties.

Unless otherwise set forth, fines for violation of this chapter shall be up to \$500 for each offense. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect after approval by the City Council and the Mayor.

Code Enforcement Corner

The City of New Castle Board of Health strives to keep properties in compliance with adopted rules and codes. To report any problems or file a complaint, call Code Enforcement Officer John Lloyd at 302-323-6081. Complaint forms are also available on the City Web site at www.NewCastleCity.org.

From the New Castle City Code...

140-15C - The open storage of debris, for example, but not limited to dead trees, which are still standing, trash, rock, rubble, broken concrete, and similar materials is prohibited in residentially zoned districts. The owner or occupant of the residentially zoned property shall remove such items from the prohibited location upon notice from the City.

140-15B - The open storage for any period of time on residentially zoned property of any items to include but not limited to appliances, items, furniture designed and manufactured to be used and stored in an enclosed building is prohibited.

For more information, see the entire City Code online at the City's Web site: www.NewCastleCity.org.