



City of Auburn, Maine

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To: Auburn Planning Board

From: John Blais, Deputy Director of Planning, Permitting and Code

Re: ITEM #7: Workshop - Review possible text change proposal under Sec. 60-666. Uses of-Manufactured housing, trailers, office trailers. With recommendation to hold a Public Hearing and proposed text change to City Council to allow uses shipping containers, Conex boxes, railroad cars and tractor trailer bodies.

Date: August 13, 2024

I. PROPOSAL: Review possible text change proposal under Sec. 60-666. Uses of-Manufactured housing, trailers, office trailers. With recommendation to hold a Public Hearing and proposed text change to City Council to allow uses shipping containers, Conex boxes, railroad cars and tractor trailer bodies.

II. BACKGROUND: The current city ordinance does not allow the use of the Conex boxes and other similar containers on commercial or industrial lots within the city limits. Bear storage hear in Auburn is a supplier of such containers and uses and are often found throughout the city and has been essentially overrun with Conex box uses. Staff is suggesting allowing this use and adding a caveat that it must be protected from the view shed of the roadway/public way or a neighboring property and or meets the altered appearance to resemble the surrounding structures.

III. SUGGESTED LANGUAGE: See Attached Sec 60-666 Edited version

IV. PLANNING BOARD ACTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Planning Board to discuss any additional edits or concerns. Assuming Planning Board is open to edits, vote to hold a Public Hearing at the next Planning Board meeting to send a recommended text change to City Council related to edited established in Sec. 60-666.

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Signed