FROM: Teton County Building Department
TO: Public
RE: Detached Pre-Manufactured Accessory Structures (Not pre-built)
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Teton County Code (Title 6), Idaho State Code (39-4111) and the International Building Code, allow Teton County to require the issuance of a building permit before any structure may be constructed, moved, installed or enlarged.

Section 104.1 of the 2012 IBC describes the duties of the building official as: *The building official is hereby authorized and directed to enforce the provisions of this code. The building official shall have the authority to render interpretations of this code and to adopt policies and procedures in order to clarify the application of its provisions. Such interpretations, policies and procedures shall be in compliance with the intent and purpose of this code. Such policies and procedures shall not have the effect of waiving requirements specifically provided for in this code.*

To this effect, Teton County herby clarifies the installation of "Detached Pre-Manufactured Accessory Structures (Not pre-built)", Conex Boxes, or storage containers with the following policy.

The use and installation of metal storage containers, commonly known as Conex boxes, or sea-containers, is proliferating throughout the County. Although the installation of these containers may be described as temporary, the containers are often in place for months, or years, at a time, and often used in place of more permanent structures.

These structures are often installed without review or inspection for what could be serious health and safety concerns, such as floodplains, setbacks or even necessary egress. The purpose of this policy is to clearly identify the permitting requirements for these structures, and ensure the safe use and installation of the structures.

1. Building permits will not be required for metal storage containers installed in the County for thirty (30) days or less. A Building Permit (in the form of a Tier 3 Setting Permit) shall be required for all storage containers that are on a property for more than thirty (30) days.
2. The building permit shall only be issued if the proposed structure meets all applicable codes (including, but not limited to: setbacks, floodplain permitting, anchoring, etc).
3. Containers may only be used for storage. They shall not be used as living space, rented out or used as workspace.
4. The size limitation on these structure is 200 square feet and/or 10' walls