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Division:	Permitting, Plans Examination and Engineering	Policy & Procedure:	BD-CI-246
Subject:	Permit Requirements for Construction Trailers	Effective Date:	05/19/2025
Code:	2018 Clark County Building Administrative Code	Revised Date:	

A. CODE REQUIREMENT

2018 Clark County Building Administrative Code Section 22.02.190 item (N) exempts the following types of work from requiring a building permit: Storage sheds and project offices including construction trailers on active construction projects.

2018 Clark County Building Administrative Code Section 22.02.185 specifies that exemption from the permit requirements of this Chapter does not authorize any work to be done in violation of the provisions of this Chapter, the technical codes, or any other laws of Clark County.

2018 Clark County Building Administrative Code Section 22.02.090 specifies that wherever conflicting provisions or requirements occur between this chapter, the technical codes and other codes and laws, the most restrictive shall govern.

2018 and 2024 IBC Section 1103.2.5 exempts construction trailers from accessibility requirements.

B. INTERPRETATION

B.1 Single story construction trailers used as offices and/or for storage of materials and construction equipment for a given project site on which they are located will not require building permits. Intermodal storage containers may also be used for this purpose and will not require building permits provided that they are single story and not stacked. Any electrical or plumbing work performed to connect utility service to these structures shall have required electrical and plumbing permits for such work. Compliance with Fire Code and other applicable requirements remains in effect for these structures. Two-story trailers do not meet this exemption and will require building permits if proposed.

B.2 Multi-story construction trailers used as offices and/or for storage of materials shall require building (installation) permits. Permits will also be required for any electrical or plumbing utility connections to these structures. Where such structures are approved by the State of Nevada Division of Manufactured Housing then the CCBD review will be limited to siting, foundation and attachment. When approval from the State of Nevada Division of Manufactured Housing does not exist, then the applicant shall submit full plans and structural calculations for review. The use of intermodal storage containers that are stacked will require engineering for stability and attachment of such containers to each other and their foundation.

B.3 Utilization of this exemption, when applicable, requires that the project site on which any such trailer is used has an active building permit for construction. Construction trailers must be completely removed from the project site prior to final inspection approval of permitted construction. Alternately, the property owner or their representatives may apply for building permits that when approved would allow for the construction trailers to remain onsite; in this instance all building code requirements for permanent structures would need to be complied with.

B.4 Any office space which is open to the public must have required building permits and is not included under this exemption.

