

This is an excerpt from the January 22, 2015 DRC meeting/am

3) DRC NO. 01-15-02 CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINER REGULATIONS.

Andrew Pinney explained that this ordinance was drafted by Staff after noting that numerous Building permits were rejected for single family homeowners with single driveways. He said that homes with single driveways aren't able to have a portable storage container under current regulations. He stressed that this modification loosens the regulations; while keeping safety issues in mind.

DRC Comments:

Ken Reardon asked if a driveway has one parking space, can the resident have a POD. He inquired as to whether a parking plan would need to be submitted to the City or if street parking would be allowed.

Andrew Pinney replied that if the Commission approves this ordinance, then homes with a single driveway would be able to have a temporary storage container permitted without the need to submit a parking plan. He added that most neighborhoods in Margate allow for some type of on-street parking, the portable storage containers are temporary, and this change would make it easier for residents.

Ben Ziskal said that the City is just trying to provide the same opportunity for all residents. He concluded that this ordinance would go to the February Planning and Zoning Board meeting; then onto the City Commission for approval.

Public Comment:

Mitch Pellecchia, 6890 NW 9 Street, liked the revision and noted that on Margate Boulevard, especially in the Paradise Gardens neighborhood, most homes have single car driveways. He said that when a POD is placed on their driveway, they can't park on Margate Boulevard, so they have to park elsewhere and suggested that language be added to this ordinance to assure that drivers always park their cars in a legal space. He noted that he has observed vehicles parked illegally along double yellow lines by intersections; which creates safety hazards for other vehicles on the road from turning the corners onto these streets.

Ben Ziskal noted that Mr. Pellecchia had a great comment and that the City could add a clause to comply with all applicable parking regulations before this moves on to the Planning and Zoning Board. Staff was in agreement.