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PURPOSE:

To regulate the placement, appearance, maintenance, and use of sea cans / shipping containers within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Bay Roberts in order to preserve neighborhood aesthetics, protect property values, and ensure containers are maintained in a safe and visually acceptable condition consistent with surrounding development.

AUTHORITY:

- Towns and Local Service Districts Act 2023
- Council Discretion

DEFINITIONS:

Sea Can / Shipping Container: A steel freight container originally manufactured for the transport of goods by ship, rail, or truck, including intermodal containers, storage containers, and similar prefabricated metal storage units.

Accessory Use: A use incidental and subordinate to the primary residential, commercial, industrial, or institutional use of a property.

Upgrade Standard: The minimum appearance and maintenance requirements established by this Policy for a sea can to remain on a property.

Inspector: any person designated by Council to administer and enforce this By-Law.

GENERAL:

No person shall place, permit, or maintain a sea can / shipping container on any property within the municipal boundaries of the Town unless it complies with this Policy.

Sea cans shall be considered accessory structures only and shall not be used as a dwelling unit, sleeping quarters, or commercial occupancy unless otherwise approved by Council and all applicable regulations are met.

No sea can shall be placed in a front yard unless specifically approved by Council.

Council may prohibit, restrict, or require the removal of any sea can where it is considered unsightly, unsafe, incompatible with surrounding development, or contrary

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to the public interest.

APPEARANCE STANDARDS:

Every sea can placed or maintained on a property shall be brought up to an acceptable municipal standards:

A- Sea can shall be considered acceptable only where it complies with all of the following minimum standards. The exterior shall be painted a single uniform color or coordinated color scheme in good condition and shall be maintained free of peeling flaking fading or discoloration.

B- All rust corrosion and oxidation shall be removed treated and sealed, and the structure shall be maintained free from visible rust staining or deterioration,

C- All company logos shipping labels identification numbers graffiti markings and industrial branding shall be fully removed painted over or otherwise completely concealed from view,

D- The structure shall be maintained in good repair and shall be free of dents holes punctures structural damage loose panels exposed insulation debris accumulation or other visible signs of deterioration,

E- Doors hinges locking mechanisms and exterior hardware shall be maintained in safe working order and kept in a neat and secure condition,

F- The sea can shall be kept level stable and properly placed on an approved foundation pad supports or other method approved by Council. In addition to the above Council may require one or more of the following where necessary to improve appearance or compatibility with surrounding properties.

G- Exterior siding cladding decorative finishes or architectural treatment,

H- Fencing landscaping screening or other visual buffering,

I- Placement in a location on the property that minimizes visual impact
Any sea can that remains in an unfinished industrial appearance is heavily rusted displays visible shipping markings or is otherwise in visible disrepair shall be deemed noncompliant.

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LOCATION AND USE:

Sea cans shall be placed on a stable, level base acceptable to the Town.

No sea can shall obstruct sightlines, drainage, sidewalks, municipal infrastructure, or neighboring properties.

Sea cans shall only be used for lawful storage or approved accessory purposes.

Stacking of sea cans is prohibited unless specifically approved by Council.

ENFORCEMENT:

Where a sea can does not comply with this Policy, the Town may issue an Order requiring:

a) repair;
b) repainting;
c) cladding or screening;
d) relocation; or
e) removal.

Failure to comply with an Order constitutes an offence under the Towns and Local Service Districts Act, 2023, and each day the contravention continues may be considered a separate offence.

The Town reserves the authority to order removal of any sea can deemed unsightly, hazardous, or contrary to the intent of this Policy.

PENALTY

Failure to comply with an order or contravention of the Town's regulations constitutes an offence under the Towns and Local Service Districts Act, and each day the contravention continues may be considered a separate offence.

EFFECTIVE DATE

The Town of Bay Roberts Fireworks By-Law shall come into force and take effect as of 12:01AM on May 13, 2026

This policy rescinds all previous policies pertaining to this subject matter.

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