



## Department of Commerce

Division of Industrial Compliance &  
Labor  
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### **Bureau of Building Code Compliance** **Policy for placement of temporary trailers**

This policy applies to temporary structures (construction or office trailers) placed on construction projects that are not subject to the provisions of Ohio Building Code; and therefore do not fall under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Building Code Compliance. Although these projects; such as highway repaving projects, utility work, certain mining operations, etc. are not subject to the provisions of the Ohio Building Code; the temporary structures are subject to these provisions and therefore fall under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Building Code Compliance.

The temporary trailers covered by this policy shall be submitted and approved under the "Application for Inspections not requiring sealed plans". All other structures or trailers utilized as temporary classrooms or other purposes not directly related to construction projects will continue to require plan approval under the "Application for certificate of plan approval".

The following information shall be addressed and provided along with the completed application:

- A) Provide the trailer dimensions and the proposed use and occupancy of each trailer.
- B) Provide information as to the proposed occupant load and the duration of time that the trailer is to be placed on the site.
- C) Site location plan showing the trailer location, basic site dimensions and property lines.
- D) A copy of the trailer manufacturer's anchoring recommendations and details. The anchoring system shall resist a 90 mph 3 sec wind gust or 80mph sustained wind load per OBC, section 1603.1.4. If the trailer is not designed to resist the required wind loads due to the construction type, it is the responsibility of the owner to require the trailer to be vacated prior to the winds exceeding the trailer's maximum design wind load.
- E) Verify the placement of temporary toilet facilities, or location of permanent toilet facilities that are under the same ownership of the project.
- F) Construction trailers are exempt from the Ohio Building Code handicap accessibility requirements as stated in OBC section 1103.2.6. However, depending on the specific use and occupancy of the proposed trailer, the Bureau may require verification of the following:
  - a) Accessible Handicap Parking and/or drop off areas
  - b) Accessible routes to the trailer including walkways, ramps and handrails
  - c) Accessible portable Toilet facilities
  - d) Accessible door entrances / exits to and from the trailer
- F) Verify the location of the electric utility service and connections. Provide a complete single-line diagram of the proposed electrical service including wire type and sizes, grounding methods and overcurrent protection.

A maximum of 2 structural and 2 electrical inspections are allocated under the initial application. Re-inspection fees of \$150 will be charged for each inspection if additional re-inspections are required beyond the allocated number. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the Bureau of Building Code Compliance at 614-644-2622 or 800-523-3581.