

Ordinance No. 688

**An ordinance amending the Forks Municipal Code,
Section 17.10.315, Definition of Mini-Storage Facility
In response to request from *Patrick Anderson***

WHEREAS, the City of Forks adopted its first zoning code in 1997 to regulate land use in a manner that supports orderly development and safeguards the community's health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, a constituent, Patrick Anderson, petitioned the City to review and revise the current definition of Mini-Storage Facility so that it included modular storage units, including shipping-container based storage; and

WHEREAS, Mini-Storage facilities are currently permitted use in the C-1 and C-2 Commercial zones, and conditional use in the R-1, R-2, R3, and R-4 Residential zones; and

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2026, the City's SEPA Official issued a Determination of Non-Significance on the proposed amendments, which was not appealed; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2026, the City provided notice of the proposed amendments to the Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2026, the Forks Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed amendments, which culminated in the Planning Commission recommended the amendments for adoption to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on the amendments during its regularly scheduled meeting of June 8, 2026, on the recommendation from the Forks Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, following the public hearing the City Council deliberated upon the materials provided and as a result of that deliberation decided to take the action found herein;

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORKS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amending Forks Municipal Code Section 17.10.315, Mini-Storage Facility.

- A. City Council concurs with the Planning Commission's recommendation approving the amendment of FMC Section 17.10.315, definition of Mini-Storage Facility.**
- B. The City hereby amends the FMC Section 17.10.315 to read as follows (amendment shown in legislative marks):**


17.10.315 Mini-storage facility.

“Mini-storage facility” means a building or modular storage units, including shipping-container based storage, designed for the leasing of small, individual, secured portions to the public which are used for the storage of personal property.

Section 2. City staff are hereby directed to complete preparation of the final ordinance, including correction of any subsequently discovered typographical or scrivener's error, for codification and map updates as necessary.

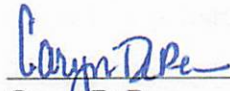
Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect five days after it has been published within the City's journal of record as provided for by law.

Passed this 26 May 2026 by the City Council of Forks



Tim Fletcher, Mayor

Attested to:



Caryn DePew
Clerk/Treasurer

Approved as to Form:



Charlotte A. Archer
Attorney