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Brooklyn Resident

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Kia ora,

Shipping Container Resource Consent Applications

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 5 July 2024. You requested the following information:

Please provide a schedule/table of Resource Consent Applications that have been applied for that relate in some manner to Shipping Containers within the Wellington region over the past 5 years.

The following attributes/columns are requested in the returned list:

- *When:*
- *(Q/YR)*
- *Where:*
- *Zone Category (Urban, Rural, other)*
- *Zone Name*
- *Initiated by:*
 - *Applicant*
 - *Complaint (neighbour or similar)*
- *Inspection: City initiated inspection/abatement or other WCC officer*
- *Issue: If a complaint or infringement, the issue requiring remediation.*
- *Quantity: (of containers)*
- *Sum Area: total area of containers*
- *Purpose (of containers)*
- *Rural Industry (e.g.: indoor mushroom cultivation, etc.)*
- *Rural storage (seeds, tools, etc.)*
- *Residential Storage (Furniture, Equipment, Seed, etc.)*
- *Lodgings & type (e.g., temporary/camping, fulltime, other)*
- *Request processed by:*
 - *WCC*
 - *GWRC*
 - *Other (please specify)*
- *Remediation required (if an infringement/issue specified)*
- *Request Outcome (whether granted or denied)*
- *Notes: a succinct summary of any pertinent notes regarding conditions & outcome*
- *Cost: overall application cost expended*
- *Remediation: what actions were imposed if not granted.*
- *Location**

** We believe an address would permit verification of the returned data, while passing the test of not disclosing personal information of any specific individual.*

Wellington City Council has refused your request for information.

On consultation with the Council's Resource Consents team into your request for information made relating to shipping containers, it has been confirmed that the team do not hold data to the level of detail required to easily confirm the information you are seeking.

Resource consents are recorded in the team's database, and the following is some of the fields used in their reporting, which includes:

- SR (Service Request) Number
- Street Number
- Street Name
- Description – e.g. a high level description of what the consent relates to
- Current Status – e.g. cancelled, completed etc.

However, there is no field which confirms if a resource consent lodged relates directly to a shipping container.

In order to confirm the information that you have requested, council officers will need to manually check each individual record to confirm if it relates to a shipping container and therefore in scope of your request. This would take considerable time for officers to manually search and collate the information you have requested over a substantial period of time, 5 years. For context there is approximately 4500 number of resources consents recorded over the time period requested.

We are therefore refusing your request under section 17(f) of the Act due to the substantial manual collation and research involved. In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 7(1) of the Act and determined there are no public interests which outweigh the grounds for refusing this information due to the substantial collation involved.

Council officers were able to undertake a high level search using the data available to them by searching the word 'container' against the description field mentioned above. Officers were able to confirm a total of four consents which had this word in the description field, all of which related to the use of containers; however, we can't confidently confirm there are no more consents relating to shipping containers without manually checking each individual record in more detail. If you would like the information that you have requested relating to these four consents found within this high level search, please let me know.

Whilst we are unable to fulfil your request as it stands, if you were to consider refining your request to a specific location which has a shipping container that you'd like more information on, I can approach officers to undertake a search.

Right of review

If you are not satisfied with the Council's response, you may request the Office of the Ombudsman to investigate the Council's decision. Further information is available on the Ombudsman website, www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note, we may proactively release our response to your request with your personal information removed.

Thank you again for your request,

Kind regards

Ollie Marchant
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Official Information