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DO I NEED A PERMIT FOR A SHED?

Yes, any new construction is required to have a permit.

WHAT IS CONSIDERED A SHED?

A shed is a subordinate detached building used for residential storage.

WHERE CAN I PLACE THE SHED ON MY PROPERTY?

In residential zoning districts, if the shed is under 120 square feet and is not served by electricity, the shed need meet only a 5 foot side and rear yard setback requirement. No dimension (length, width, height) of the building shall exceed 12 feet.

Sheds shall be erected no closer to the front lot line than the extension of the line created by the front wall of the principal structure on the lot.

WHAT IF I HAVE A SHED ALREADY ON MY PROPERTY?

Only one shed per lot shall be permitted to meet the five foot setback standard. Any other shed or out building shall meet the setback standards of Table 412-1 of the Zoning Ordinance.

WHERE DO I MEASURE SETBACKS?

Always measure setbacks from property lines and /or markers and not street lines. In many instances, a survey may be required to determine exactly where these property lines are on the face of the earth.

DOES MY SHED REQUIRE A PERMANENT FOUNDATION?

In most instances, smaller shed type structures do not require a permanent foundation but check with the Codes Office before proceeding.

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