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Storage Sheds in Residential Zones

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STORAGE SHEDS

The following are some of the most frequently asked questions by homeowners regarding storage sheds. We hope this answers most of your questions. Should you need additional information, please feel free to talk to our staff at the Building & Safety and Planning counters, or phone us at the numbers listed.

WHAT IS A STORAGE SHED?

Storage sheds are used to store a wide variety of items, including, but not limited to, tools, gardening supplies, arts and crafts, seasonal clothes, mementos, etc. Storage sheds must be detached from the main residence and any other accessory structures. A common type of storage shed is a portable shed. An example of a permanent storage structure is a barn.

ARE STORAGE CONTAINERS ALLOWED?

No. Storage containers, also known as "sea cargo containers" or simply "cargo containers," do not conform to the City's design standards. Cargo containers are only allowed on construction sites with active building permits.



DO I NEED A BUILDING PERMIT?

No permit is required for a shed that complies with all of the following:

- Has no more than 120 sf of floor area
- Is detached from any structure
- Is no more than 12 feet high
- Does not have any utilities (electrical, mechanical or plumbing)

Contact the Building Division for any questions regarding how to process non-exempt accessory structures (plan check and permit requirements).

WHAT SETBACKS APPLY?

All storage sheds must be located behind the main building line of the house and be a minimum of two (2) feet away from the side and rear property lines; edge of roof must be a minimum of twelve (12) inches away from property line to allow for onsite drainage. The storage shed shall be set back three (3) feet away from any other structure. Sheds may encroach into the required twelve (12) foot side yard setback; however, they shall be relocated if additional parking is required onsite. For additional setback information on your lot, please contact the Planning Division.

HOW MANY STORAGE SHEDS CAN I HAVE?

You can have three (3) detached storage sheds.

WHAT ABOUT LOT COVERAGE?

The first three (3) storage sheds will not be counted towards your allowable lot coverage. Additional sheds will be counted towards the maximum lot coverage in your zone/specific plan.

WHAT DESIGN STANDARDS APPLY?

All storage sheds are subject to the design requirements of the City's Zoning Code, regardless of size or whether a building permit is required. The structure should be architecturally compatible with the residence or primary structure, including form, and architectural style. Additional design standards apply in the Town Core area. For more information, please contact the Planning Division.



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