

SHEDS, DETACHED GARAGES, & ACCESSORY STRUCTURES

IS A BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED?

A building permit is required if shed or structure is 150 sq ft or greater in size. Portable garages and carports are considered to be a type of shed or structure.

HOW TO OBTAIN A BUILDING PERMIT

- Fill out a building permit application. Application can be found online at rfcity.org.
- Provide site plan. Include dimensions, setbacks.
- Provide building plans and specs for the structure.
- Permit fee is based on the project cost. Cash or check to City of River Falls.
- Permits are issued by appointment, call 715-426-3427 to schedule.

SETBACKS

Setbacks are measured from property line to the overhang of the structure.

- No detached accessory building shall be closer than 5 feet from the rear lot line.
- No detached accessory building shall be closer than 5 feet from the side lot line.
- The minimum distance between the principal building and an unattached accessory building shall be 5 feet. Minimum fire separation is 10 feet or an approved fire separation.

EASEMENTS

Shed or structures shall not be built within any easements.

OTHER

- No detached accessory building or structure shall occupy more than thirty (30) percent of the area of a required yard.
- No detached accessory building or structure shall exceed the height of the principal building structure.
- Detached accessory building or structure shall be anchored to the ground by one of the following, frost footings, slab on grade, or anchors & metal strapping/chain.

This list is not all inclusive. **See Municipal Code Section 17.08.010(C)**. If you have any questions, please call the Zoning Department at 715-426-3431.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Inspections staff at City Hall
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