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CARPORTS

A building permit is required to construct a carport. Homeowners may do their own work. If a contractor is hired, they must be licensed. To receive a permit, the following items must first be submitted for review prior to construction:

1. A completed building permit application
2. A site plan showing property lines, existing buildings and the proposed carport location, the distances to property lines and all structures (see attached). If you have a septic system, show exact location of tanks and drain field and distance from proposed carport.
3. Two copies of construction plans which must show the following information:
   a. Size of carport
   b. Footing/foundation design
   c. Height of carport
   d. Elevation views showing proposed materials, including all header sizes
   e. Specify roof rafter type and spacing with roof pitch

Your application and plans will be reviewed for code compliance, permit fees will be calculated, and you will be notified when the permit is ready to pick up.

INSPECTIONS

1. Impervious surface (slab) is required. Wire mesh is required in a concrete slab. Call for footing inspection after footings are excavated, forms are in place, before pouring concrete or asphalt. Posts must be sunk minimum 60" into ground and must be .60 treated wood.


3. Call for framing and final inspection after the roof & all framing and bracing is in place.

CITY CODE REQUIREMENTS

There shall be only ONE accessory structure per single-family lot, not to exceed 1,024 sq. ft. floor area or the total foundation of the single family home, whichever is least. Example: add carport to a garage – square footage of both combined cannot exceed 1,024 (or the total foundation of the single family home, whichever is least). Carport can be attached to home if 1 hour fire wall is installed separating structures (5/8” type x gypsum).

Setbacks for carports shall be five feet from all lot lines of adjoining lots.
Shall be 10 feet or more from any other building or structure on the same lot.
Shall not be located within a utility easement.
Shall not exceed 15 feet in height.
SAMPLE SITE PLAN

(This plan is for illustration purposes only. Please draw an accurate plan of your site and attach to your construction plans.)