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SHEDS

Altoona Code of Ordinances – Section 167.04



General Regulations

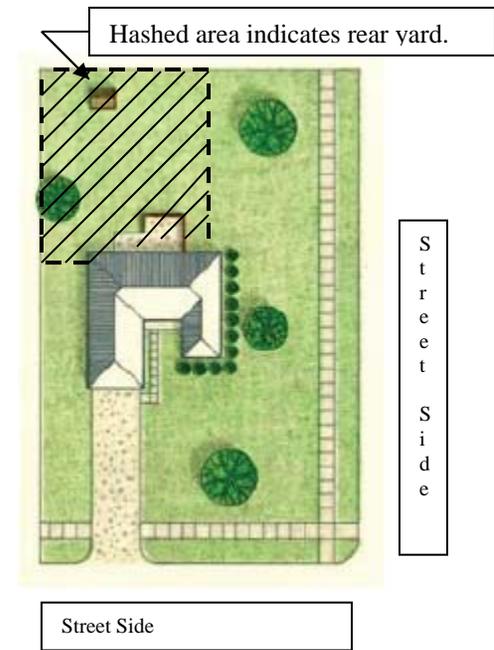
1. Only one yard shed is allowed per lot.
2. All yard sheds must be located in a rear yard – see pictures of a “typical lot”.
3. Yard sheds shall not exceed 160 square feet in area. (10’x 16’ – for example). All accessory buildings shall not occupy more than 30% of rear yard.
4. Yard sheds shall not exceed 14 feet in height.
5. Yard sheds shall be at least 6 feet from the principle structure into the rear yard.
6. Sheds in Altoona must be at least 3 feet from property lines.* No shed may be located in or upon an easement. No eave or overhang shall extend closer than 12 inches to a rear/side yard/easement line.

*Location on Lot if your shed is approved to be located less than 3 feet from a property line and is over 120 square feet in area then the wall that faces the property line must be fire rated.

A fire rated wall consists of 1 layer of 5/8” sheetrock attached to the inside face of the wall and 1 layer of 5/8” exterior grade sheetrock attached to the exterior face of the wall, beneath the exterior siding. No openings are allowed in the wall.

This office does not verify or locate property lines and/or property pins/markers.

TYPICAL CORNER LOT



Through Lots – Altoona Only

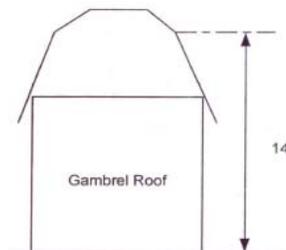
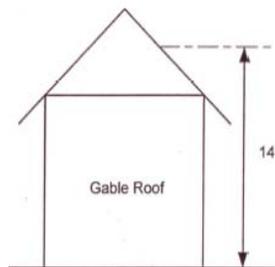
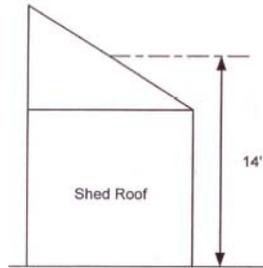
Any lot within a subdivision or plat of survey recorded after February 7, 2003 (except corner lots) shall not have any accessory building(s) closer than 18 feet from a major street and/or highway right of way.

TYPICAL NON CORNER LOT



Allowable Heights

Other than a gambrel roof, height is measured from the surrounding adjacent grade to the mean of the roof. (Mean is the mid point distance between the peak of the roof to the top plate of the wall line).



Before You Construct

1. A building permit is required. The permit fee for a yard shed is \$66.00.
2. A Building Permit is **not** required for any yard shed of 120 square feet or less, however all of the requirements noted herein are still applicable.
3. A building permit can be obtained at 1504 8th Street SW in Altoona.
4. Before you dig please call 1-800-292-8989 (Iowa One Call) for locates. Typically it takes 24 to 48 hours to be completed. Required by State Law.
5. Required inspections are listed on the permit.

All properties have easements. Please check with this office prior to placement of yard shed, as you may not be aware of the size and location of the easements on your property. You will need to keep structures off of easements.