ACCESSORY STRUCTURE
GARAGES & SHEDS

Permits
Structures 200 square feet and larger require building permits. Structures less than 200 square feet require zoning approval.

- To obtain either a building permit or zoning approval:
  - Complete a Building Permit (200 sq ft or more) or an Exterior Site Work Permit (less than 200 sq ft)
  - Submit a detailed construction plan
  - Submit a site plan

Definition: Garage/Storage Structure. An accessory structure or accessory portion of the principal structure which is used by a resident of the property to store motor vehicles, major recreational equipment, or other personal property.

Determine the Zoning District for the property by clicking “Map It” at coonrapidsmn.gov

District Standards for Garage/Storage and Accessory Structures. (City Codes 11-602.2 and 11-603.2)
- Each dwelling is permitted up to 1,600 square feet, or 2,000 square feet for lots one acre or more, of attached/detached garage/storage space and other detached accessory structures. Attached garage/storage space cannot exceed 80 percent of the finished floor area of the principle structure.

- At least 484 square feet of floor area of garage/storage structure per dwelling must be accessible to vehicle storage, which must have a minimum width of 22 feet and a minimum depth of 22 feet. The minimum width of a detached garage/storage structure may be reduced to 12 feet provided the total floor area of the detached garage/structure and an attached garage/storage structure equals or exceeds 528 square feet and the attached garage/storage structure has a minimum width of 12 feet and a minimum depth of 22 feet.

- Detached garage/storage structures in excess of 900 square feet in floor area must meet the same setback requirements as the principal structure.

- The architectural style, color, and facing material of a garage/storage structure must be compatible with the principal structure.

- The number of detached garage/storage structures and other accessory structures cannot exceed three per dwelling.

- For the purpose of this Section, floor area means the gross horizontal area of the main floor of a structure plus the horizontal area of any other level having a minimum vertical clearance or ceiling height of five feet.
Restrictions on Accessory Structures. (City Code 11-601.7)

- An accessory structure shall not:
  - Be constructed on any lot prior to the time of construction of the principal building.
  - Exceed the height of the principal building, except when on a farm and related to a farming operation.
  - Be located within the required front setback area or within five feet of a lot line.
  - Be located nearer to the front lot line than the principal building. This provision does not apply to attached garages or to those lots which have the shoreline of the Mississippi River or Crooked Lake as the rear lot line.
  - An accessory structure larger than 200 square feet in floor area must have a permanent concrete slab under the entire structure. Accessory structures 200 square feet in floor area or less must include ground anchors per building code.
  - Accessory structures other than garage/storage structures cannot be used for the storage of motor vehicles or major recreational equipment.
EXAMPLE SITE PLAN

SHOW ON PLAN
1. LOT LINES.
2. LOT DIMENSIONS.
3. OWNERS NAME.
4. ADDRESS.
5. DRIVEWAY.
6. POND/LAKE/STREAM.
7. EASEMENTS.
8. POWER SUPPLY.
9. DIMENSIONS TO PROPOSED PROJECT AND ALL OTHER STRUCTURES.
10. SIZE OF NEW STRUCTURE.
11. DIMENSIONS TO LOT LINES.
12. DIMENSIONS TO OTHER BLDGS.
13. INCLUDE YARD SETBACKS AND EASEMENTS ON SIDE, FRONT, AND BACK YARDS.
14. LABEL ALL ADJACENT STREETS.
15. INCLUDE SCALE.

NOTE: PLEASE PROVIDE (2) COPIES OF THE PROPOSED SITE PLAN.

If a completed site plan is not provided, the plan review process will be delayed.

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1"=20' SCALE

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651-454-0002 OR 811