

ACCESSORY STRUCTURE STANDARDS

Accessory structures are to be incidental or smaller and less prominent buildings on a site as compared with the primary structure or building. Accessory structures are not to be used as living space or for home occupations.



Examples of Accessory Structures:

1. Shed
2. Carport
3. Detached Garage
4. Storage Building

Placement/ Size:

1. Accessory structures located in the rear yard may be placed within three feet of side or rear property line.
2. Accessory structures in the rear yards shall not exceed 33% of the rear yard square footage.
3. Please note that if an accessory structure is placed in a side yard the building setbacks would then be the same as what would apply to the primary structure or building in that zone district.
4. Accessory structures may not be placed in the front yard.
5. Accessory structures shall not be larger than the footprint of the primary structure or building
6. The combined total of all accessory structures may not exceed 20% of the total land area of the lot.

Height:

1. Accessory structures may not exceed a height of 16 feet as measured from grade level to the midpoint of the roof

Timing:

1. Accessory structures must be constructed at the same time as primary building or after the construction of the primary building.

Permit Required:

Building Permits are required for accessory structures over 120 square feet in area.

The link to Build Permit:

<https://www.kalamazoocity.org/building>

Historic District:

For a property located in a Historic District, there are standards for accessory structures under new construction.

Link to Historic District standards:

<https://www.kalamazoocity.org/hdcstandards>

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