

Accessory Building Permit

DEFINITIONS

- ◆ *An accessory use of a structure is any structure subordinate to the principal use of another building on the lot or site and serving a purpose customarily incidental to the use of the principal building.*

REQUIREMENTS

- ◆ Accessory buildings cannot be erected within a front yard, and shall not extend past the front face of principle building.
- ◆ Any accessory structure must be at least 5 feet from side property line and 5 feet from rear property line, including roof overhangs.
- ◆ All accessory buildings must be detached at least 10 feet away from any building projection.
- ◆ An accessory building cannot occupy more than 30% of the rear yard area and cannot exceed 15 feet in height unless permitted otherwise by the zoning ordinance.
- ◆ All accessory structures, regardless of their size, must be placed out of any easements that run through a property.

PERMITS

- ◆ A permit is required by the City of Norwalk before the erection, construction, alteration, placing or locating of any accessory structures.
- ◆ Price of a accessory structure permit 150 square feet or less is \$25. Anything larger than 150 square feet is based upon the square footage of the proposed building.

PROCESS

- ◆ Obtain and fill out a permit application from Development Services Department at Norwalk City Hall or online at: www.norwalk.iowa.gov
- ◆ Submit a completed application with a copy of the plans, specs; including details of the proposed size, location, and materials used.
- ◆ After an application and all required information has been submitted, the Department has 12 business days to review the application.
- ◆ You will be notified by telephone or email of approval and any fees.
- ◆ Once the permit has been approved and paid for, you may begin your project.

*The City of Norwalk also recommends that property owners verify the type of structure they desire is allowed under any covenants.



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