



# SHEDS AND BARNs

## City of Lawrence

Department of Public Works

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### WHAT IS A SHED OR BARN?

Sheds and barns are one story detached accessory structures, used for tools, storage, and similar uses.

### PERMITS

A permit is not required for a shed or barn 200 square feet in area or less. A shed or barn measuring over 200 square feet will require permits. Sheds and barns are not allowed to be placed in an easement area.

In order to obtain permits for a new shed or barn, plans must be submitted with a structural permit application.

\*Plans must be neatly drawn and to scale (at least 1/8" = 1 ft. min.) on 11 x 17 paper (minimum).

\*Plans must include a site plan

\*Plans should show the proposed size of the shed or barn

\*Elevation drawings

\*Location and size of window and door openings

\*Size of headers over all window and door openings

\*Size, spacing, and direction of rafters or trusses

\*Rafter/truss connection method

\*Size and spacing of studs

\*Information on siding and roofing

\*Any other pertinent information.

You will also be required to obtain an Improvement Location Permit from the Department of Business and Neighborhood Services in Marion County. Please visit their website at

<https://www.indy.gov/activity/residential-development-permits> for more information.

### CONSTRUCTION

\*A concrete slab is not required.

\*Sheds and barns must be anchored by attachment to a slab or in-ground anchors. All corners need to be anchored.

### INSPECTIONS

It is the responsibility of the permit applicant to call the Building Department to arrange for the inspections. 24-48 hour advance notice is required. Inspections typically required for the construction of a shed or barn are:

- Framing Inspection – To be made after all framing and bracing is complete and the roofing is installed.
- Final Inspection – To be made upon completion of the project and any required grading is complete.