



**City of Battle Ground**  
Community Development Department  
Planning Division (360) 342-5047 / Building Division (360) 342-5046

**RESIDENTIAL ACCESSORY BUILDINGS  
DESIGN CRITERIA AND REVIEW PROCESS**

“An accessory building as defined in our code means a building, such as a detached garage, detached carport, woodshed, utility building...customarily incidental to and located on the same lot occupied by the principal building. An accessory building is subordinate in area, extent or purpose to the principal building...” (BGMC 17.103.070)

**ACCESSORY BUILDINGS UP TO 200 SQUARE FEET:**

**NO PERMIT IS REQUIRED IF THE BUILDING IS:**

- 200 Square feet or less in area
- Setback from side and rear property line is 3’
- 12’ or less in height
- Located behind the front elevation of the primary structure
- Overall building coverage limited by the percentage within the applicable zoning district

**ACCESSORY BUILDINGS MORE THAN 200 SQUARE FEET:**

**A BUILDING PERMIT IS REQUIRED IF THE BUILDING IS:**

- More than 200 square feet in area
- May be constructed to the requirements and regulations for a principal building in the zone which it is located with the exception of a 5’ rear yard setback. Fire resistant construction is required if less than 5 feet from the property line. (IRC R302.1)
- Walls of individual dwelling units and their accessory structures located on the same lot are not required to provide fire-resistant construction. (IRC R302.12)
- Located behind the front elevation of the primary structure
- Overall building coverage limited by the percentage within the applicable zoning district.

If your structure is more than 200 square feet in area, you will need to fill out and submit a Residential Addition/Alteration Permit Application.

**Application documents include:**

- Application with owner’s signature
- Construction drawings or manufacturer’s specifications
- Plot Plan
- Elevations
- Narrative stating how the proposal meets [BGMC 17.135.015](#)

**APPLICATION FEES:**

Fees vary; contact the Building Department at (360) 342-5046 for estimates.

**Special Circumstances:**

- Easements – The existence of easements on your property could effect where you place your accessory building.