

Patio Covers/Arbors and Similar Structures

To construct a patio cover, arbor, or similar structure on a residential property, you must comply with all the following requirements:

**Per the International Residential Code, one-story, DETACHED accessory structures (residential properties) under 200 square feet, that do not contain electrical, plumbing, or mechanical are exempt from obtaining a permit but must comply with setbacks.*

****All ATTACHED structures or DETACHED structures CONTAINING electrical, plumbing, or mechanical are REQUIRED to obtain applicable building permit(s).**

- Submit a Residential Permit Application and provide a detailed description of work being proposed.
- Application must include a copy of the property survey identifying location and dimensions of proposed structure to include distances from the home, side lot lines, and rear lot line.
- Detached garages may not be located within five feet of the main dwelling and eight feet from the side and rear property lines or fence.
- Attached and detached structure cannot occupy more than 30% of the rear yard dimensions.
- No accessory building can be placed within five feet of any side or rear lot line.
- A **detailed set** of plans must be submitted showing framing details, lumber size, structural support methods, spacing, and dimensions/measurements of the proposed structure.
- Structures proposed to be attached to the principal building must have an approved structural attachment to the home.
- In all cases, the typical slab for a patio will not be structurally sufficient, unless otherwise approved by the Building Official. Piers must be designed in the ground that can support the structure in compliance with the adopted code cycle.
- Any electrical, plumbing and mechanical must be shown on the detailed set of plans.
- All trades/contractors (general, electrical, plumbing, and/or mechanical) need to be listed on the application and have a valid contractor registration with the City of Anna. (unless work is being conducted by property owner).

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- All inspections must be requested and approved during the build process, including pier inspection prior to pouring of concrete, framing, leaving all attachments visible and trade inspection roughs and finals.

To request an inspection please e-mail: INSPECTIONS@ANNATEXAS.GOV

- Outdoor kitchens must be permitted separately with all trades doing work identified on the permit.
- Permits can only be pulled by contractors registered with the City of Anna or a homeowner, however all the requirements to build are the same as above. Homeowners must show proof that the property is listed as “homestead” on their tax record.
- Building without a permit can result in citations and/or removal of the structure.
- Neighbor's that live in a neighborhood with a Homeowner’s Association should check with their association to determine if a project requires the approval of the HOA. Deed restrictions and HOA requirements may be stricter than City requirements.