

**CITY OF DARIEN**  
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**ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES**  
**(Sheds, gazebos, detached garages)**

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Detached accessory buildings/structures may be located within the rear yard (the area behind a house for example.) Detached accessory buildings/structures **ARE NOT PERMITTED within the side or front yard** (that area in front of a house or directly to the side of a house, for example.)

**The following regulations apply:**

1. Must be located at least 5 feet from the rear and side lot lines (15 feet from a corner side lot line.)
2. Must be located outside of any easement.
3. Must be located at least 5 feet from the nearest wall of the principal structure, measured from vertical wall to vertical wall, along with a 1-hour rated fire wall. Accessory building/structures located between 5 and 10 feet from the nearest wall of the principal building shall be constructed so the impacted walls of the accessory structure are to be of 1-hour fire rated construction.
4. Cannot exceed 800 square feet.
5. All accessory structures, total square footage, cannot exceed 30% of the rear yard (the area behind the house, for example.)
6. Building height in residentially zoned district:
  - a. *Garage with hip or gable roof* – cannot exceed 14 feet, *measured to the midpoint between the roof ridge and eave.*
  - b. Other garages and accessory buildings – cannot exceed 12 feet, *measured to the midpoint between the roof ridge and eave.*
  - c. In no case can the accessory building/structure exceed the height of the principal building/structure.
7. Must be anchored
8. May not be placed on raised blocks or piers / must rest directly on grade.

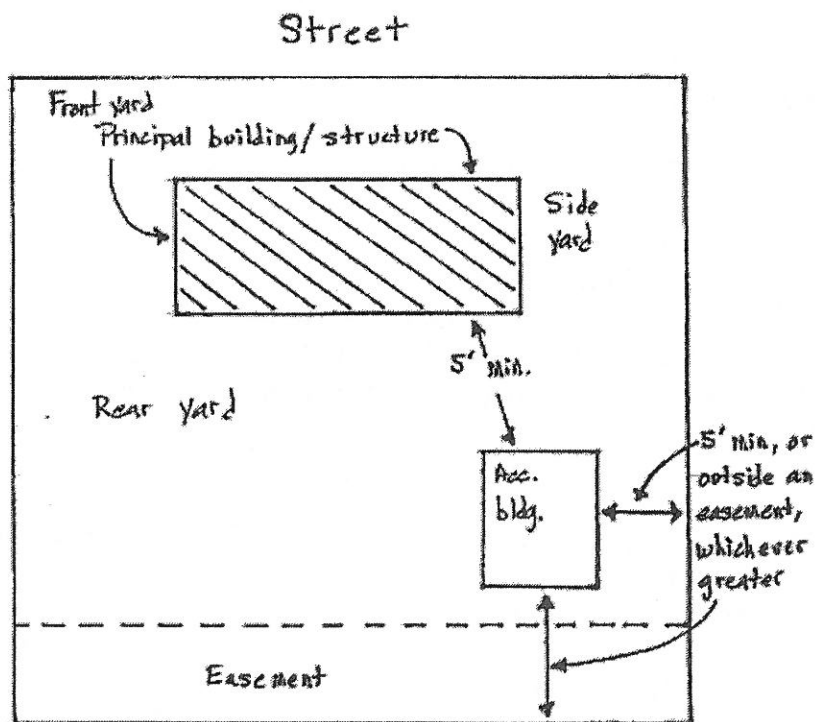
**Application Requirements:**

1. Building permit application, filled out.
2. Plat of survey, 2 copies. Draw on the plat of survey the location of the accessory building/structure, including dimensions, distance to principal building, distances to lot lines.
3. Plans, 2 sets. Include a wall section, 4 elevations of building, floor plan, indicate electrical work, wall and building height and top of foundation elevation.
4. Grading plan, *may be required.*

## Inspections

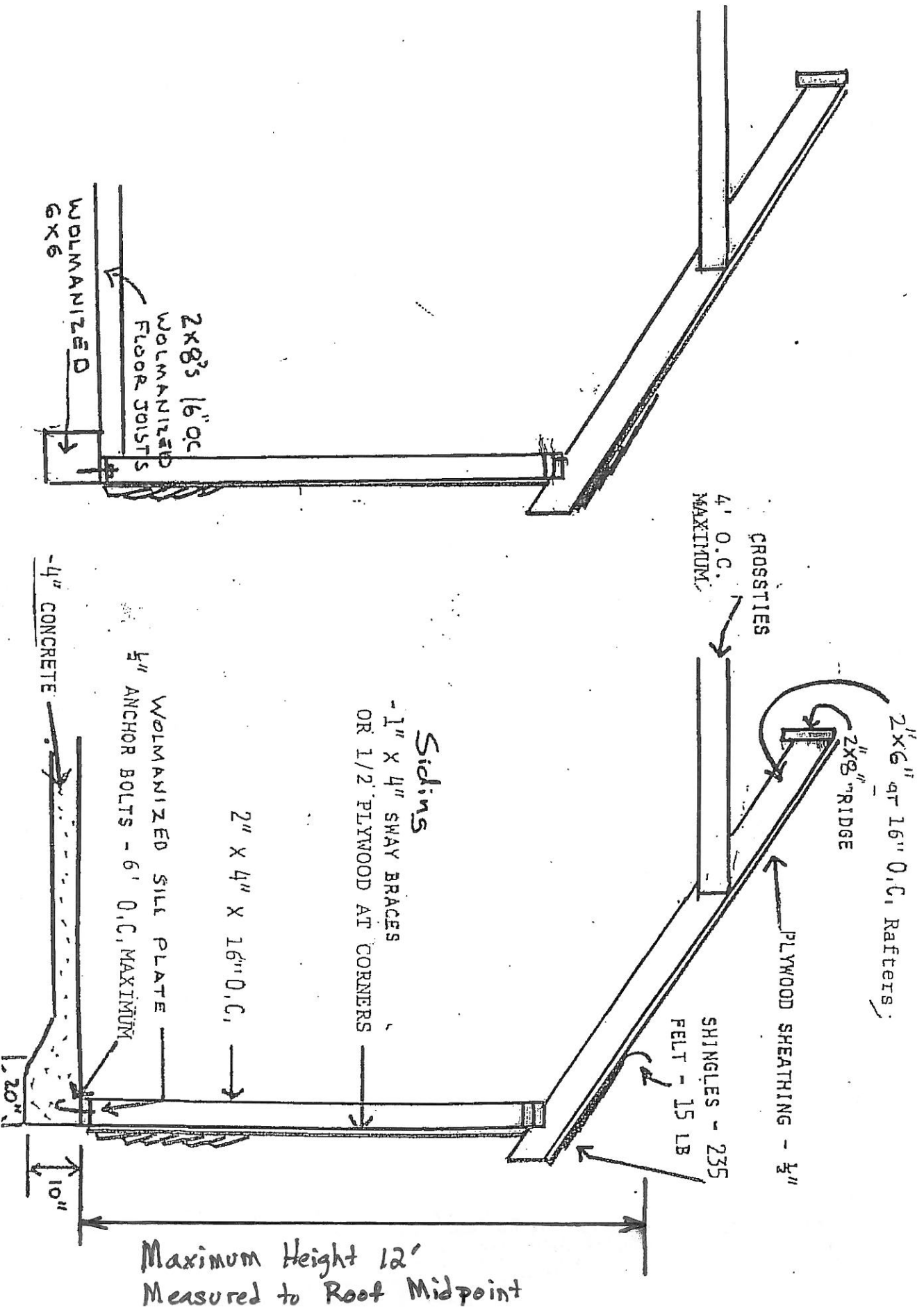
1. Slab/foundation, prior to pouring concrete
2. Rough frame
3. Rough electrical, if applicable
4. Building final
5. Electrical Final, if applicable

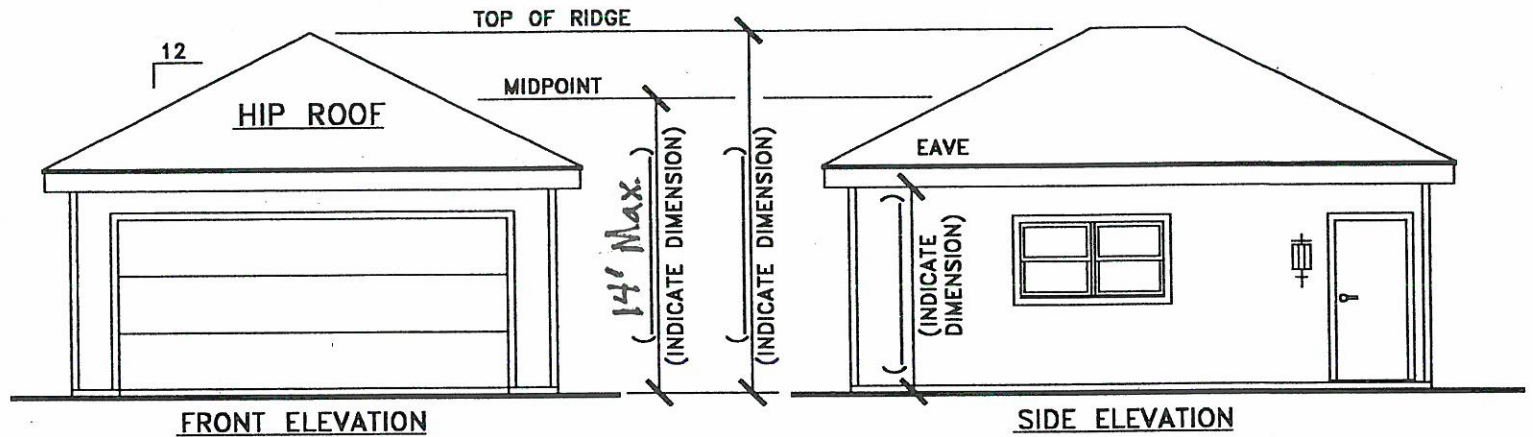
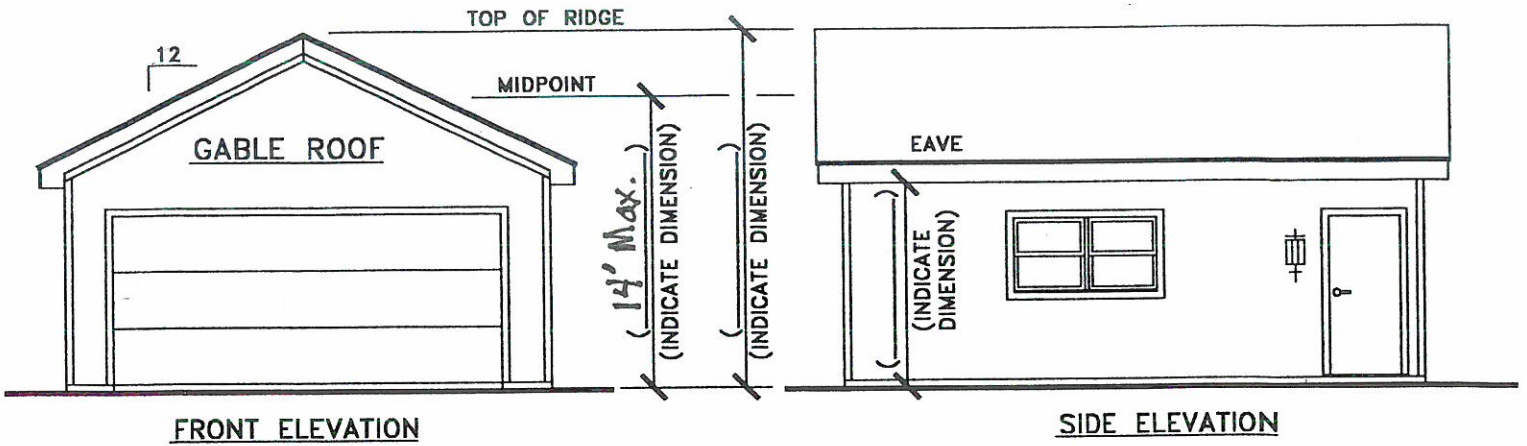
Diagram (for illustration only):



# SHEDS

THIS DIAGRAM SHOWS MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS





ELEVATIONS

Garage  
sample  
submittal

FLOOR PLAN

