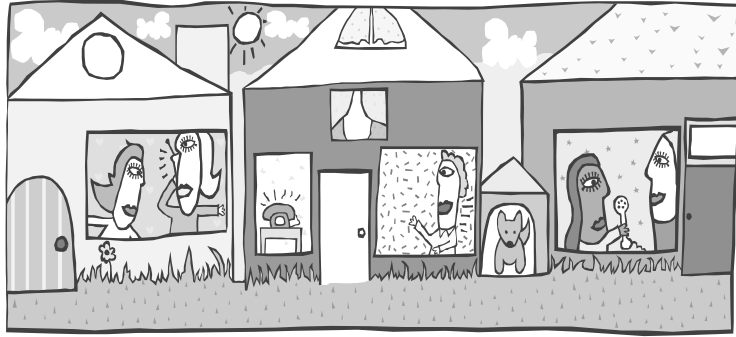


Sheds & Garages

in the City of Bangor



Take pride in your town.

Detached Structures

Detached accessory structures, such as garages or storage sheds, must be behind the front building line of your home. This means a shed or garage that is not connected to the house cannot be sitting in front of the house.

A detached structure must be located a minimum of three (3) feet or more from the side and rear property lines. If you access the garage from an alley, then the garage must be located at least six (6) feet or more from the alley. They can be further away than this but cannot be any closer than this.

A detached structure must be located at least ten (10) feet from the house (may be measured on a diagonal).

Note: You should be certain just where the property line is, in order to avoid conflicts with your neighbors. The City knows the dimensions of your lot, but not precisely where the lot lines are. A surveyor can locate your lot lines.



*Take pride in your shed and
in your garage.*

Attached Structures

Attached garages must meet all of the setback requirements of the principal structure (house). Check for all the setback requirements by contacting City Hall. Setbacks for principal structures in the single-family ("R-1") and Two-family (R-2) zones are:

Front: 25 feet

Side: 6 feet

Rear: 25 feet

Special Notes

- You may only have one accessory building per lot or parcel in addition to a garage.
- Corner lots are of particular concern. Please consult with the City Zoning Administrator.
- Check power lines and easements on your lot. You may not build on an easement. There may be easements recorded on your title or deed to the property. Easements may exist for sanitary sewer lines, storm sewer lines, water lines, electrical lines, and/or telephone lines.
- The height of a shed, garage or other accessory building cannot be taller than 15 feet. This height limit of 15' is measured from the midpoint of the eaves and peak.
- Front-yard setbacks are measured from the property line to the front of the building or structure. Side and rear-yard setbacks are measured from the property line to the building's drip line.
- Disputes between neighbors over location of sheds and garages are a matter for the civil courts not the City of Bangor.
- No garage or shed may be on a lot by itself (there must be a house present on the lot).

Do I Need a Foundation Under My Shed or Garage?

- Sheds 101 square feet or larger need to be placed on a slab foundation.
- Garages and Accessory buildings must be placed on a foundation.