



Community Development Department

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POLE FRAME BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Pole frame buildings are generally accepted by the City of Newton's building code as a method of construction for garages, storage, light commercial, and industrial buildings.

To obtain a building permit for a pole frame building:

- Plans and specifications for the EXACT building proposed to be constructed must be submitted to the Building Official for approval. These plans must contain a floor plan, elevations, and section drawing detailing the foundation, wall and roof design. THESE DRAWINGS MUST BE PREPARED BY AND BEAR THE SEAL AND SIGNATURE OF AN ENGINEER OR ARCHITECT LICENSED BY THE STATE OF IOWA.
- Submit a plot plan showing where the structure is to be located on the lot with the distances noted to the lot lines from this structure and all other structures. Also show distances between all buildings on the lot. All buildings on your property must be shown on this drawing. (Plot plan forms are available from the Building Division.)
- Locate property lines exactly. Estimates are not acceptable. We will request you to show us lot corner pins when we come out for an inspection. A permit will not be issued if there is any doubt as to where they are located.
- Check with the Engineering Division regarding any easements. A building cannot be placed over an easement.
- Any driveway, sidewalk, or utility work in public right-of-way requires an approved excavation permit. See the Engineering Division.
- Detached accessory buildings must be a minimum of 3' from side and rear property lines and a minimum of 4' from the house. Corner lots have different requirements. See the City Planner for details.
- An electrical permit is required for wiring done in your building. The permit fee is based upon how many circuits are installed. (A minimum \$15.00 electrical fee will include 3 circuits.) All outlets may need G.F.C.I. protection.
- You will be responsible for calling this office to arrange for inspections of your structure. We will need to inspect your post holes prior to setting poles. When the structure has been erected, a framing inspection is required. Electrical work requires an inspection also. Be sure to call for a FINAL INSPECTION once construction is complete.

These are only basic minimum guidelines. For further information or if you have any questions call the Building Division at 792-6622.