



**Portable Carport Structures**  
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Recently, the City has found an increasing number of portable “temporary carport type” structures throughout Clinton City. These structures typically consist of aluminum tubing with either a metal; fiberglass or canvas covering and are used to protect individual RV’s, boats and other passenger type vehicles.

### **Zoning Requirements**

According to § 2.02 of the Clinton City Zoning Ordinance such structures are classified as garages, either detached or accessory.

A “Garage Accessory” (§ 3.25.2.v) is required to compliment the color scheme and utilize the same building materials as the existing dwelling. Street view of the structure shall be similar in the use of materials, brick, rock, etc., as the residence on the lot. Sides and rear of the structure may utilize less primary materials, siding, stucco, etc., found on the residence. Equality of materials and colors shall be determined by the planning staff at the time of plans review. Allowances may be made when considering the availability of materials due to the age of the original structure.

A “Garage Detached” (§ 3.25.3.vi) is required to have the same architectural features, utilize the same building materials and same pattern as the existing dwelling. Street view of the structure shall be similar in the use of materials, brick, rock, etc., as the residence on the lot. Sides and rear of the structure may utilize less primary materials, siding, stucco, etc., found on the residence. Equality of materials and features shall be determined by the planning staff at the time of plans review. Allowances may be made when considering the availability of materials due to the age of the original structure.

### **Building Requirements**

The building division also requires the following criteria:

1. The property owner must provide engineering, which indicates how the structure(s) will be secured in order to meet the 90-mph wind speed required for our area.
2. The property owner must provide engineering, which indicates the covering used on the structure has been designed for the snow load required for our area (30 lb.).
3. A site-plan showing location of the structure(s) in relation to the home, property lines and any other structures.

Our goal is for property owners and suppliers to avoid the unnecessary return of these products due to being unable to complete the installation in accordance with local code and ordinance.