

# Pergola and Gazebo Permit Requirements



We no longer require permits for Pre-Fabricated Pergolas or Gazebos 200 square feet and under. Pergolas and gazebos must still comply with City of Sterling Heights zoning ordinance. All structures must be sufficiently secured from wind movement. Please follow the instruction per the manual for proper installation.

**Definitions of a Pergola:** Structure with open sides and open roof. An openable cloth membrane and mosquito netting will be allowed for sides.

**Definition of a Gazebo:** Structure with open sides and solid roof. Mosquito netting will be allowed for sides.

## Zoning Related to Pergolas and Gazebos:

- If a gazebo is built on a deck that encroaches into the rear yard setback, the gazebo must be placed at least 10 feet from the dwelling.
- Pergolas will not be considered as an accessory structure while gazebos will be. The floor size of detached accessory structures is limited by the size of your parcel. Please see our Accessory Structure Brochure.
- Both pergolas and gazebos should be 3 feet from side property lines.
- Not allowed in the side yard.
- Not allowed in an easement.
- Not allowed in the front yard.