

RAMADAS, GAZEBOS & PERGOLAS

These backyard structures typically are detached from the home and have roofs with open sides. They vary slightly only in definition: Ramada roofs are solid, pergolas usually have open slats or a latticed 'roof'; while a gazebo typically has more than four sides and a raised floor deck.



PERMITS

- Required for all structures over 120 sq. ft. in area.
- Provide plans showing size and height of the structure, building materials being used, roof pitch, etc.
- A site plan is necessary to show the location of the project on the property in relation to existing house and other structures.

ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS

- There are no code requirements for lighting, fans or power outlets. If included in the project, these fixtures must be GFCI and/or rated for outdoor use.



STRUCTURAL INFORMATION

- Provide details for footing size and depth.
- Details for roof framing and connections to posts or columns are needed.
- If project is being done with pre-fabricated parts (alumawood, etc) provide structural calculations from manufacturer with permit application.
- Structural engineering will be required if adjacent to a pool.

PLACEMENT ON PROPERTY

- Structures must meet certain setbacks and clearances from other buildings. Contact the Building and/or Planning Department for information about specific zoning areas.

DESIGN REVIEW

These backyard structures must go through a design review process. The City Planner and/or the City's Design Review Board (DRB) must approve the project before a building permit application can be accepted.

Plans for this review will be similar to that of the construction documents but must also include information about colors and material finishes.



OUTDOOR FIRE SAFETY TIPS



- Never light up a fire pit or BBQ under a patio or solid-roofed ramada.
- Establish a three-foot "kid-free zone" around your grill or fire pit .
- Never leave the fire unattended, not even for a minute.

For more information, visit the entire "Guidelines When Building Within the City" series at www.litchfield-park.org

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