

# Department Policy on Accessory Structures in Campgrounds

For Accessory Structures in the Campground Subdivisions and Cooperative Campgrounds, each site is only permitted to have one (1) in accordance with §ZS1-318. Sheds, Pergolas, and Gazebos are all considered ‘structures’ as they require assembly and are to be constructed or erected with a fixed location on the ground, or attached to the ground and must be properly permitted. As only one accessory structure is permitted, one option is to remove the shed and keep the pergola/gazebo or vice versa. Deck boxes or other ‘Rubbermaid’ style storage solutions would be acceptable, provided that a person is unable walk in/stand up inside.

*Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County*

## §ZS1-103 STRUCTURE

*“Anything constructed or erected with a fixed location on the ground or attached to something having a fixed location on the ground or a building as defined herein. "Structures" include walls, fences and signs.”*

## §ZS1-103 BUILDING

*“Any structure which is designed, built or occupied as a shelter for persons, animals or property. The term "building" shall include tents, roadside stands, mobile homes, recreational trailers, vehicles and other similar objects when used as a permanent shelter and shall also include any part thereof.”*

**Temporary shade items are not considered structures and shall be taken down or removed when not in use or during inclement weather conditions.** Examples may include umbrellas, outdoor day-beds with awnings, ‘pop-up’ canopies (foldable) and sunshades/sails. If you are considering a temporary shade item, please provide the Department with a photograph or drawing so that we may evaluate them on a case-by-case basis.

**Awnings attached to the manufactured or mobile unit may also be permitted with a building permit. Please note that engineered plans will be required. Please see below links for permitting guidelines and application:**

### **Building Permit Application:**

[https://www.co.worcester.md.us/sites/default/files/departments/drp/Permit\\_App.pdf](https://www.co.worcester.md.us/sites/default/files/departments/drp/Permit_App.pdf)

### **Building Permit Submittal Checklist:**

<https://www.co.worcester.md.us/sites/default/files/DRP%20Permit%20Checklist%20Final%201.9.23.pdf>