

# Planning information Sheet:

## Difference Between Patios and Pergolas

### WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A PATIO AND PERGOLA?

A patio is a structure open on at least two sides with a roof cover that is impervious to water and used for outdoor entertainment.

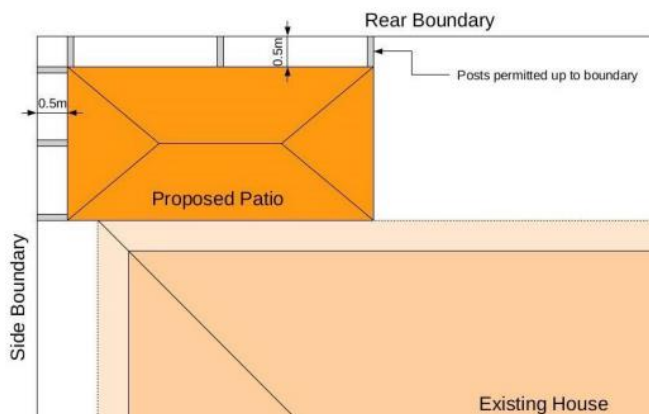
A pergola is an unroofed open structure used for shading and screening – covering is limited to battens, open lattice and/or shade cloth.

### DO I NEED PLANNING APPROVAL FOR A PATIO OR PERGOLA?

A planning approval is not required for a patio addition to a single house or grouped dwelling if it meets the requirements of the City's Local Planning Policy LP.01 – Residential Development. These requirements are that:

- In areas coded R20 and higher a patio roof may be set back a minimum of 450mm from the side or rear boundary (including patios located in the front setback where they comply with clause 5.1.2 of the R-Codes Vol. 1) and support posts can be located up to the boundary where at least one of the following criteria is achieved:
  - I. The patio/carport abuts an existing or simultaneously constructed patio or wall of similar or greater dimension; or
  - II. The patio/carport is no higher than 3m to the eaves and 4.2m to the gable (top of roof) and the length is no greater than 15m on each side (exclusive of other boundary walls).
- The required outdoor living area must have no more than 50% permanent roof cover.

Where the proposal does not meet these requirements, a planning approval is required.



A planning approval is only required for a pergola if it is located within the front setback area.

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