

# Planning Information Sheet: Garages and Sheds / Outbuildings

## WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A GARAGE AND SHED/OUTBUILDING?

A garage is any roofed structure, other than a carport, designed to accommodate one or more motor vehicles and is enclosed on more than one side.

A shed is referred to as an Outbuilding. Outbuilding refers to an enclosed non-habitable structure that is detached from any dwelling.

## DO I NEED PLANNING APPROVAL FOR A GARAGE?

A planning approval is required for a garage unless it is otherwise exempt under Clause 61 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*.

The erection or extension of a Garage on the same lot as a single house or grouped dwelling is exempt from development approval if the development satisfies the deemed-to-comply requirements of the R-Codes and the City's Local Planning Policy LP.01 – Residential Development.

## DO I NEED PLANNING APPROVAL FOR A SHED/OUTBUILDING?

A planning approval is required for an outbuilding unless it falls into the exempted situations under Clause 61 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*.

The erection or extension of an outbuilding on the same lot as a single house or grouped dwelling is exempt from development approval, if the development satisfies the deemed-to-comply requirements of the R-Codes and the City's Local Planning Policy LP.12 – Outbuildings and Sea Containers in Residential Areas.

It is important to note that often it is overlooked that a boundary wall can be considered (if compliant with the R-Codes deemed to comply requirements) for an outbuilding. However, a boundary wall (where the shed is proposed up to the boundary of a property) represents a variation, which will trigger the need for a development application.

If the proposal complies with the above, then a development application is not required, however a building permit may be required.

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