

- Decks, Patios, & Porches -

An accessory structure such as decks, patios, and porches is regulated by 17.0209 of Pewaukee's Zoning Code. A summary of these regulations is below.



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Permitting Process

- ◆ A deck or porch requires a **Building Permit**.
- ◆ A patio requires a **Zoning Permit**.

See Building Services Department for application form & **online permitting**.

Include scale drawings and elevations of the proposed building and site plans showing its location on the lot, with dimensions that conform to **State Building Codes**.

- ✓ Upon submission and review, if the proposed structure meets all building and zoning requirements, the permit will be approved administratively by the Building Inspector and Zoning Administrator.

Building Services

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All accessory structures in Single-Family and Two-Family Residential Districts shall comply with the following standards:

Lot Coverage & Quantity

All principal and accessory structures shall not occupy more than the maximum permitted lot coverage allowed within the applicable zoning district. See reverse side.

The total area of all permitted accessory structures shall not occupy more than 40% of the side and rear yards.

Location

No detached accessory structure shall be located within the street yard, front yard, or corner side yard.

Double Frontage Lots: Accessory structures are allowed within the arterial street side of double frontage lots.

Pewaukee Lake Lots: Lots abutting Pewaukee Lake or its tributaries shall be considered double frontage lots and accessory structures shall be allowed on the street and water side of said lots.

Accessory structures shall be oriented so as not to block all view of water bodies and/or other common private or public open space from existing principal residences located on adjacent parcels.

Setbacks

• **Attached and detached decks** shall be setback a minimum of fifteen (15) feet from the side and rear property lines or as otherwise required within the underlying zoning district, whichever is least restrictive.

• **Patios** shall be setback a minimum of fifteen (15) feet from the side and rear property lines or as otherwise required within the underlying zoning district, whichever is least restrictive.

• **Porches & decks** shall be attached and considered part of the principal structure. As such, all porches shall comply with the minimum setbacks of the applicable zoning district.

Accessory structures, regardless of size, shall be located a minimum of:

1. Five (5) feet from any public easement
2. Ten (10) feet from any other structures (principal or accessory)
3. Twenty-five (25) feet from a wetland
4. Seventy-five (75) feet from a 100-year floodplain boundary or Ordinary High Water Mark of a navigable waterway, unless otherwise allowed in this ordinance.

* **In no case shall an accessory structure be required to meet a greater setback than required for the principal structure.**

Zoning District	Street Yard Setback	Side Yard Setback	Rear Yard Setback	Lot Coverage
Rs-1	50 feet	30 feet	35 feet	2.5%
Rs-2	45 feet	25 feet	35 feet	6%
Rs-3	45 feet	20 feet	35 feet	10%
Rs-4	40 feet	20 feet	35 feet	25%
Rs-5	40 feet	15 feet	35 feet	30%
Rs-6	30 feet	12 feet	35 feet	30%
Rs-7	30 feet*	See Below	35 feet**	30%***
Rd-1	40 feet	20 feet	30 feet	35%
Rd-2	40 feet	20 feet	30 feet	40%

- * The street yard setback may be reduced to the average of the yards on each side within the same block but to not less than 20 feet.
- ** The rear yard may be reduced to 20 feet unless adjacent to a designated 100 year recurrence interval (base flood) floodplain (See 17.0435 and 17.0436).
- *** The total building coverage or 'footprint' of permanent structures* on a parcel of land located within 1,000 feet of a lake of the state shall be:
 - + No more than 20 percent of the total area of a parcel located within 300 feet of the OHWM or base flood elevation of a lake, whichever is greater; and,
 - + No more than 30 percent of the total area of a parcel located between 300 and 1,000 feet of the OHWM or base flood elevation of a lake, whichever is greater.
 - + The total building coverage or 'footprint' of permanent structures* on a parcel of land located within 300 feet of the OHWM or base flood elevation of a navigable stream, whichever is greater, shall be no more than 20 percent of the total area of the parcel.

See [Section 17.0436\(d\)](#) for mitigation opportunities

SIDE YARD SETBACK REDUCTION ON EXISTING PARCELS IN THE Rs-7 ZONING DISTRICT

Lot Width*	Min. Side Yard	Lot Width*	Min. Side Yard
110 feet or more	20 feet	60-69.9 feet	9 feet
100-109.9 feet	15 feet	55-59.9 feet	8 feet
90-99.9 feet	12 feet	50-54.9 feet**	7 feet**
80-89.9 feet	11 feet	45-49.9 feet**	6 feet**
70-79.9 feet	10 feet	44.9 feet or less**	5 feet**

- * Average lot width, lot width as defined herein or lot width at the prescribed street building setback, whichever is less restrictive.
- ** Residences on these lots that are over one story in height must have side yard setbacks of at least eight (8) feet.