

Carport FAQs

Carports are a popular choice for sheltering vehicles from the effects of the weather in the City of Lubbock. If you are planning to build one, here are a few tips on how to go about it!

1. **Do I need a permit?** Generally yes, any carport over 200 square feet will require a building permit from the Lubbock Building Safety Department.
2. **Where can I put a carport?** In the front, it must be set back 5 feet from the front property line and 5 feet from the side property lines. If in the back, it must meet the side and rear setbacks of that district. If you're unsure, give us a call!
3. **Are there any design requirements?** Yes, if the carport is in the required front setback (setback less than 20 feet from the front property line) it is subject to design requirements.
 - a. Design and Appearance. A carport shall be constructed so that supporting posts, fascia, soffits, roof, and roof slope are of the same color, materials, and architectural style as the principal structure;
 - b. Length and Width. Carports shall have dimensions no greater than 24 feet in length by 20 feet in width.

Carports do not have to connect to the house, but do have to have the same roof pitch as the house. Additionally, the ridge does not have to be oriented the same way as the house as long as the pitch matches.

4. **Can I use a temporary carport?** Unfortunately, temporary or pre-assembled carports are prohibited.

See more at [Article 39.02.020.b General Accessory Uses and Structures](#)

Examples:



THIS CARPORT MATCHES THE ROOF PITCH, HAS THE SAME ROOFING AND SIDING MATERIALS AND IS NO CLOSER THAN 5 FEET FROM THE FRONT PROPERTY LINE. THIS MEETS THE DESIGN GUIDELINES.



More Examples:



THIS CARPORT WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED. IT DOES NOT MATCH THE ROOF SLOPE, ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES, OR MATERIALS OF THE HOUSE.



WHILE THIS CARPORT DOES MATCH THE ROOF SLOPE, IT DOES NOT MATCH THE MATERIALS OF THE HOUSE AND WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED.



WALLS ADDED TO THE SIDES OF THE CARPORT WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED. THIS CAN CREATE A VISION HAZARD.

If you have ANY questions about carports, feel free to contact the Planning department at:

- (806) 775-2108
- cityplanning@mylubbock.us

Building Safety department:

- (806) 775-2087
- buildingsafety@mylubbock.us

Check out the new UDC code at:

<https://online.encodeplus.com/regs/lubbock-tx/index.aspx>

Check out the City of Lubbock Planning page at:

<https://ci.lubbock.tx.us/departments/planning/home>

