

A building permit is required in the Township of Puslinch for constructing an **Accessory building** (shed, garage, carport, pool house, gazebo, & farm building). If you are new to the process or are uncertain of the permit application process/requirements, please consult the [Building Permit Process](#) webpage or contact building@puslinch.ca directly. This guide explains the requirements for submitting a building permit application for an Accessory building in greater detail.

Building Permit Requirements:

A building permit is required:

- ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾When an accessory building (new or replacement) is greater than 10 m² (107 ft²)
- When an accessory building is attached to another structure

Notes:

- (1) A shed is **exempt** from the requirement to obtain a permit provided that the shed,
 - is not more than 15 m² (161.46 sf) in gross area,
 - is not more than one storey in building height,
 - is not attached to a building or any other structure,
 - is used only for storage purposes ancillary to a principal building on the lot, **and**
 - does not have plumbing.
- (2) Zoning requirements (setbacks, lot coverage, use & height) still apply to sheds that are exempt from building permits. Please contact our zoning team for more information (planning@puslinch.ca or 519-763-1226 ext. 4)

Site plan or survey (to scale & dimensioned) of your lot including the following:

- i. Location and size of proposed building
- ii. All existing structures
- iii. Sewage system (tank & leaching field)
- iv. Distance to all property lines

Construction drawings (to scale & dimensioned) including the following:

- v. Plan view with foundation, floor, wall, roof construction.
- vi. Side elevation(s) with window/door sizes & cladding materials & building height
- vii. Wall and/or building section
- viii. Connection to existing structure (where applicable)
- ix. For **prefabricated sheds/gazebos** that are not designed in accordance with the OBC, engineer-stamped drawings, including anchorage and structural details, are required. (These can often be obtained from the manufacturer.)

Additional permits may be required from the below contacts:

If your property is located within a regulated conservation area, or a source water protection area, approval from the authorities having jurisdiction may also be required.

- Source Water Protection: wellingtonwater.ca
- Conservation Authority:
 - GRCA: 519-621-2763 or grandriver.ca
 - Halton: 905-336-1158 or conservationhalton.ca
 - Hamilton: 905-525-2181 or conservationhamilton.ca

What is included in the cost of my building permit?

- The cost of your permit includes the review of your proposed project to ensure building and zoning compliance, issuing of your building permit and the necessary building inspections.
- Please visit the [Township website for the current building permit fees](#). All permit application fees are paid at time of application; we accept cheque and online payment by credit card, a convenience fee of 1.75% will be added to online payments.

How long does it take before I get my permit?

- Once a complete application is made, the permit will be reviewed within the legislated time line; 10 business days for residential buildings and 15-20 business days for non-residential buildings. Within that time period, your permit will be issued or more information regarding your project may be requested by the building department.

What inspections will be done?

- Mandatory inspections will change based on the type of accessory building. At minimum, most accessory buildings will require the following:
 - i. Excavation/Footing inspection – prior to the pouring of concrete
 - ii. Framing inspection – once all framing is complete
 - iii. Final inspection – when your building is complete
- All mandatory inspections will be listed on the permit.

Booking Inspections

Please make your inspection request through **Cloudpermit**. If you have questions, you can email building@puslinch.ca or call the office at 519-763-1226 ext 180.

Inspections are conducted every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Inspection requests must be received no later than 3:00pm the business day before the requested date. (Example: Friday inspection must be requested before 3:00pm Thursday afternoon).

Permit applications are accepted online through CLOUDPERMIT, accessible through our website.

<https://puslinch.ca/for-residents/home-property/building-renovation/>



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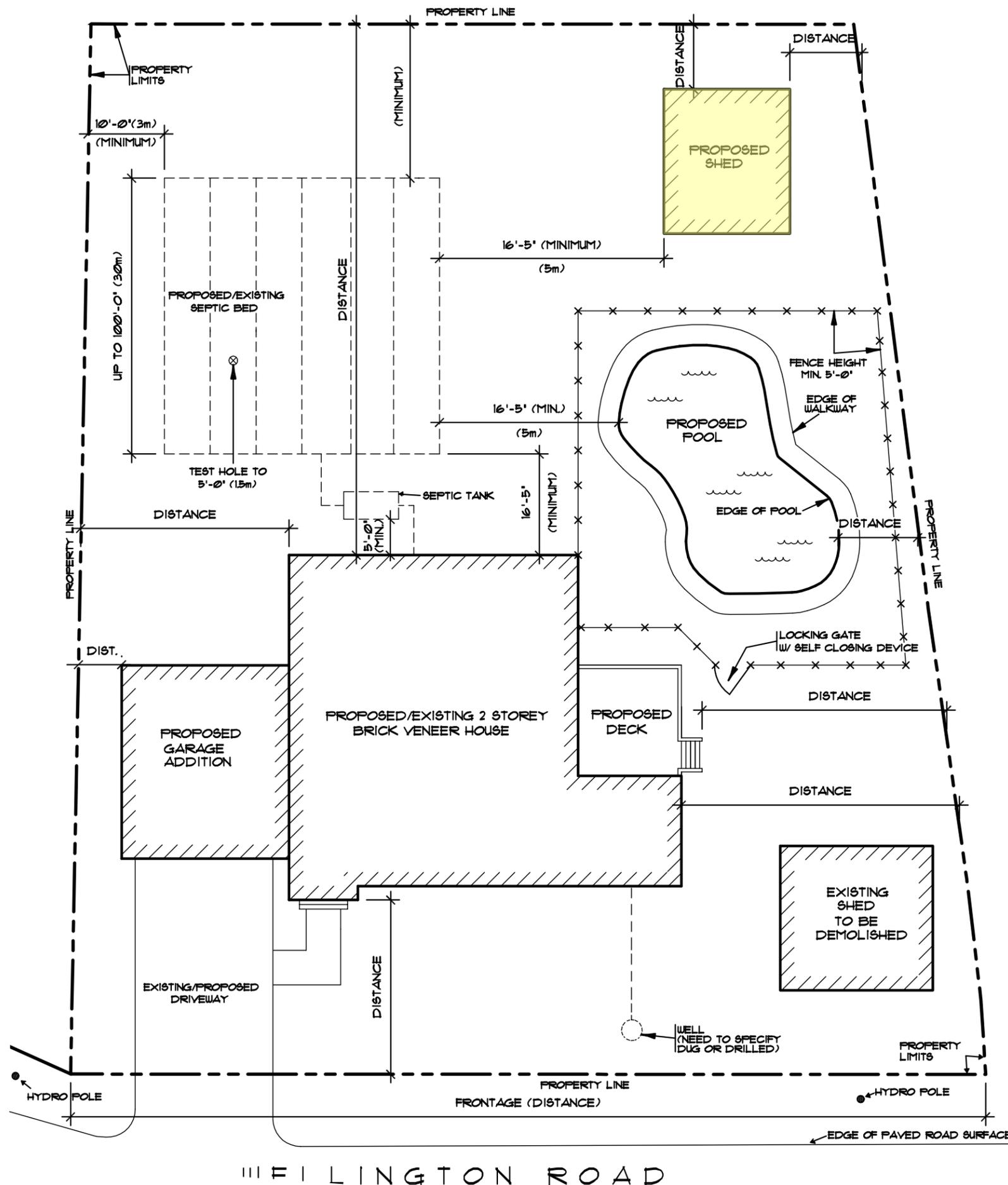
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SAMPLE SITE PLAN

Not to scale

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NOTES:

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2. DO NOT SUBMIT THIS DRAWING AS PART OF YOUR PERMIT APPLICATION.
3. DETAILS SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW SHALL BE DRAWN TO A RECOGNIZABLE SCALE. (e.g. $1/2"$ $1'-0"$ OR $1"$ $1'-0"$.)

ZONING:

1. SETBACKS ARE THE SAME AS FOR A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING.
2. COVERED DECKS AND PORCHES COUNT TOWARD LOT COVERAGE.
3. REFER TO THE TOWNSHIPS COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW FOR ALL ZONING REQUIREMENTS (www.puslinch.ca/by-laws) OR CONTACT US DIRECTLY AT planning@puslinch.ca

ADDITIONAL PERMITS MAY BE REQUIRED FROM THE CONSERVATION AUTHORITY:

Please contact them directly at:

1. GRCA – 519-621-2763
grandriver.ca
2. Halton – 905-336-1158
conservationhalton.ca
3. Hamilton – 905-525-2181
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INCLUDE SETBACK DISTANCES TO:

Front Property Line: _____
Rear Property Line: _____
Side Yard Property Line: _____
Septic Tank: _____
Septic Bed: _____
Other Structure: _____



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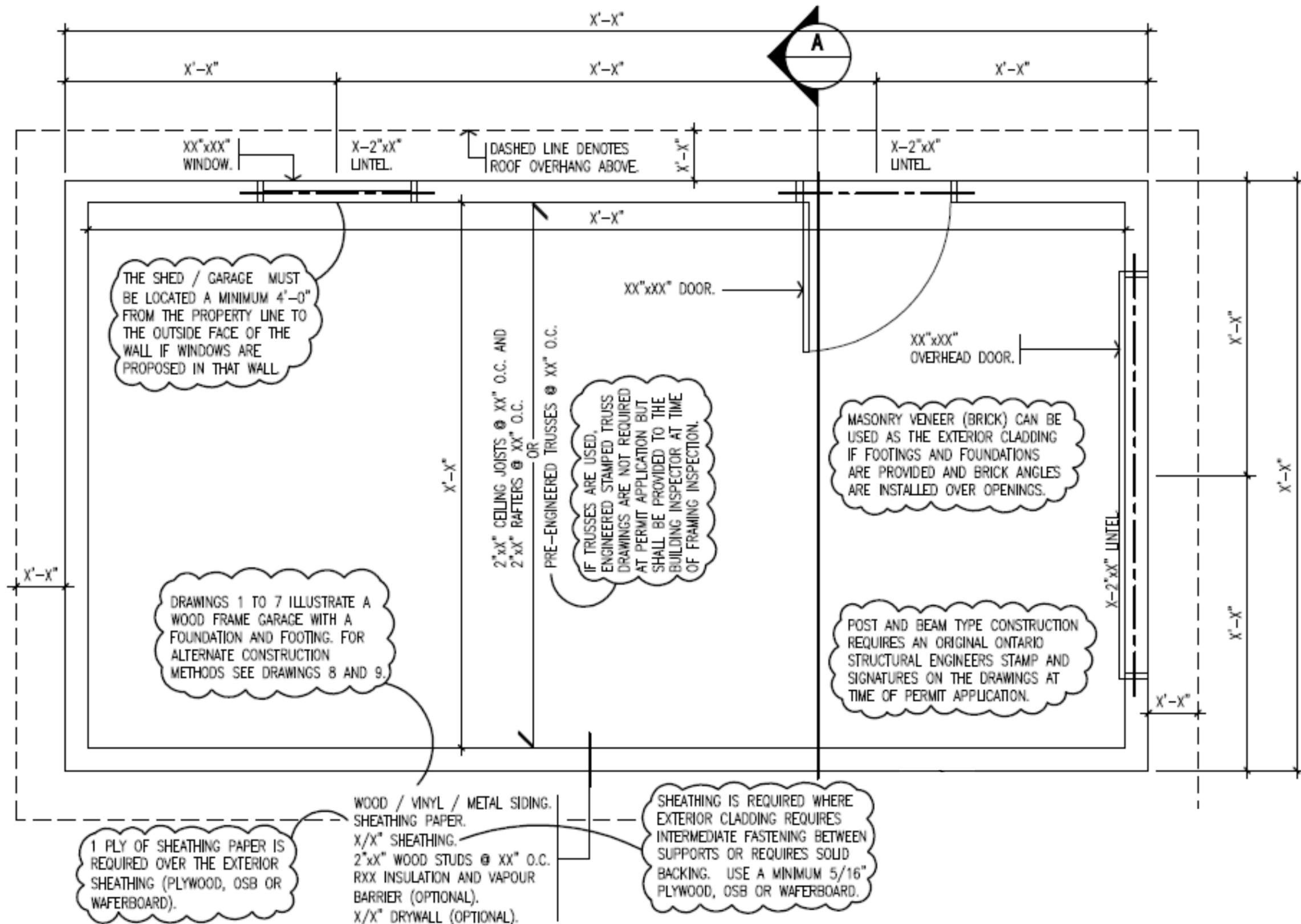
GARAGE/ ACCESSORY

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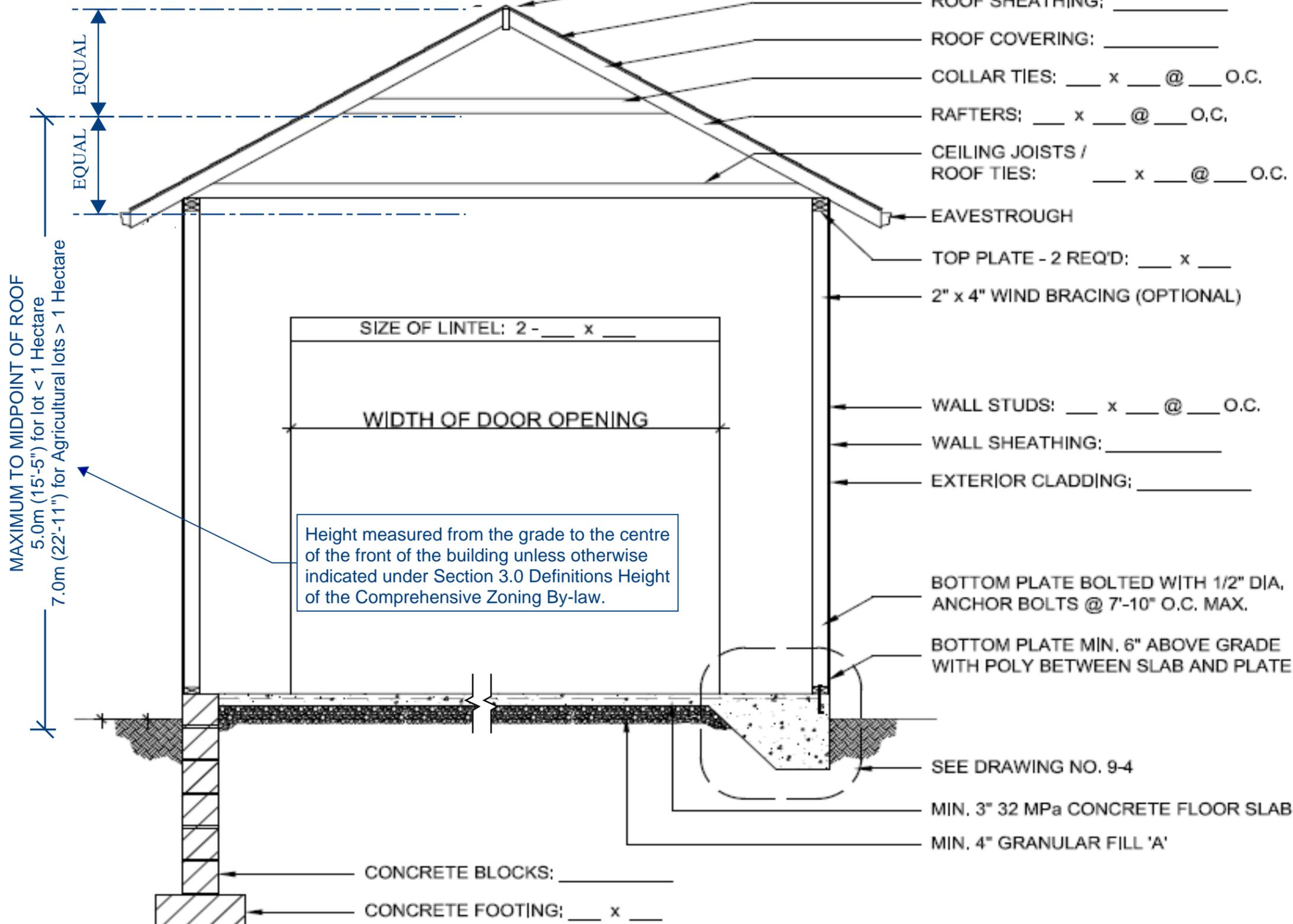
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SIZE OF ACCESSORY BUILDING: ___ x ___



ROOF CONSTRUCTION SHAPE:



NOTE: BUILDINGS LARGER THAN 55 SQUARE METRES (592 SQUARE FEET) IN AREA MUST BE SUPPORTED ON FOOTINGS AND FOUNDATION WALLS.



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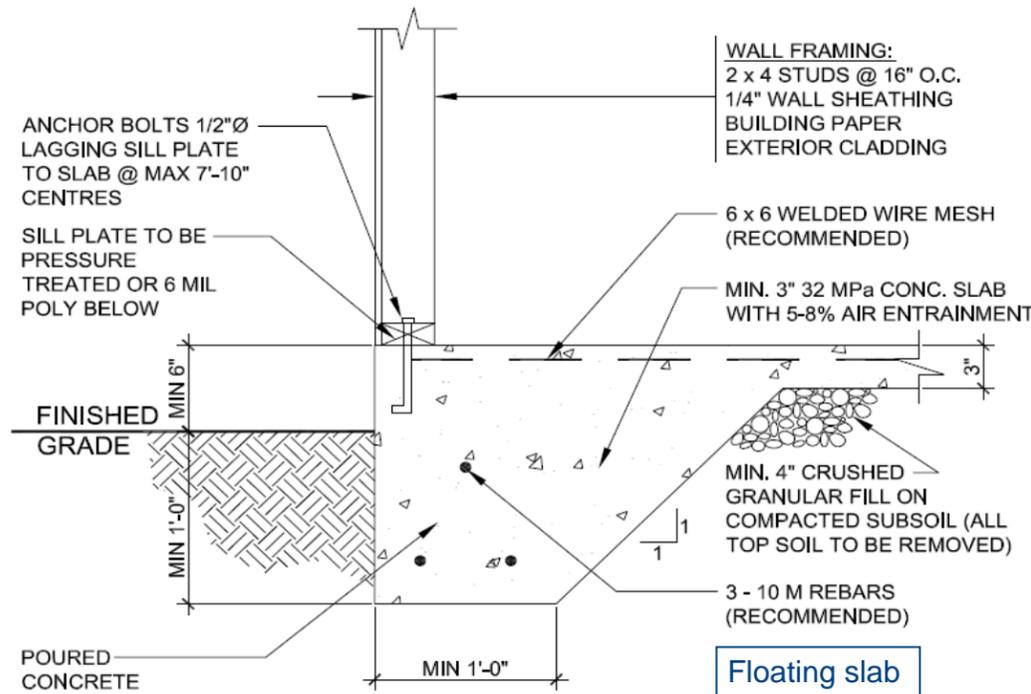
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**-SAMPLE
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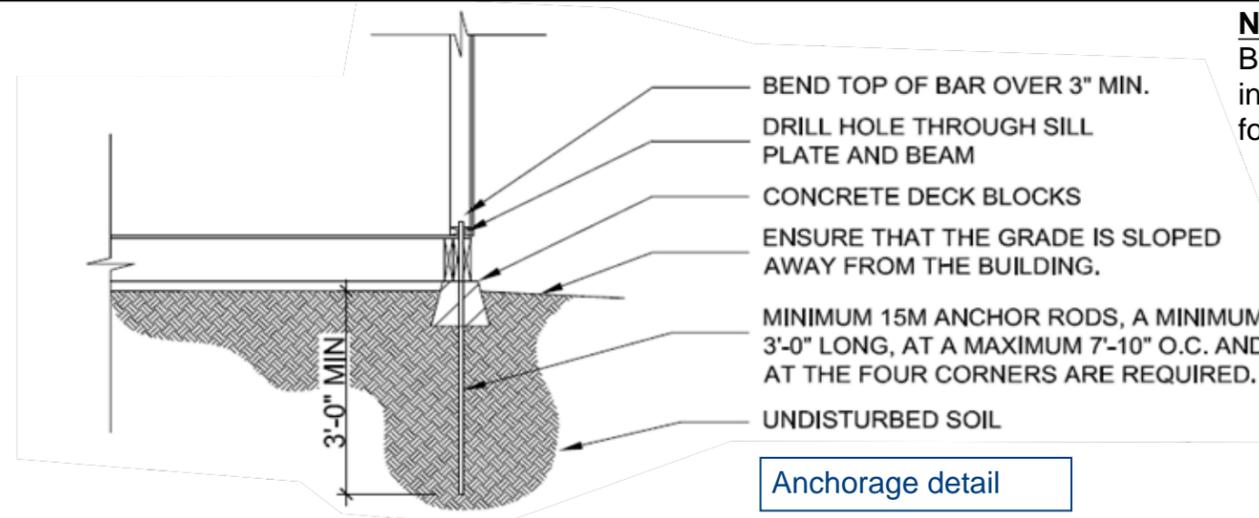
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This floating slab design is for detached garage and sheds. The **area may not exceed 55m² (592 ft²)**, maximum one storey in building height and no brick/masonry veneer permitted.

Larger floating slab design or floating slabs that include brick/masonry veneer will be required to stamped by a professional engineer

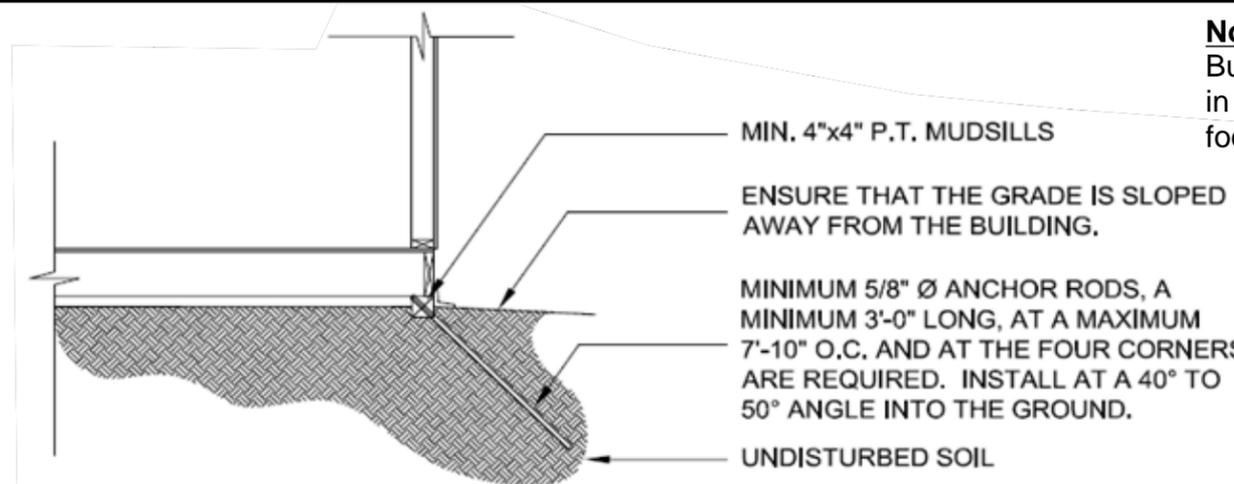
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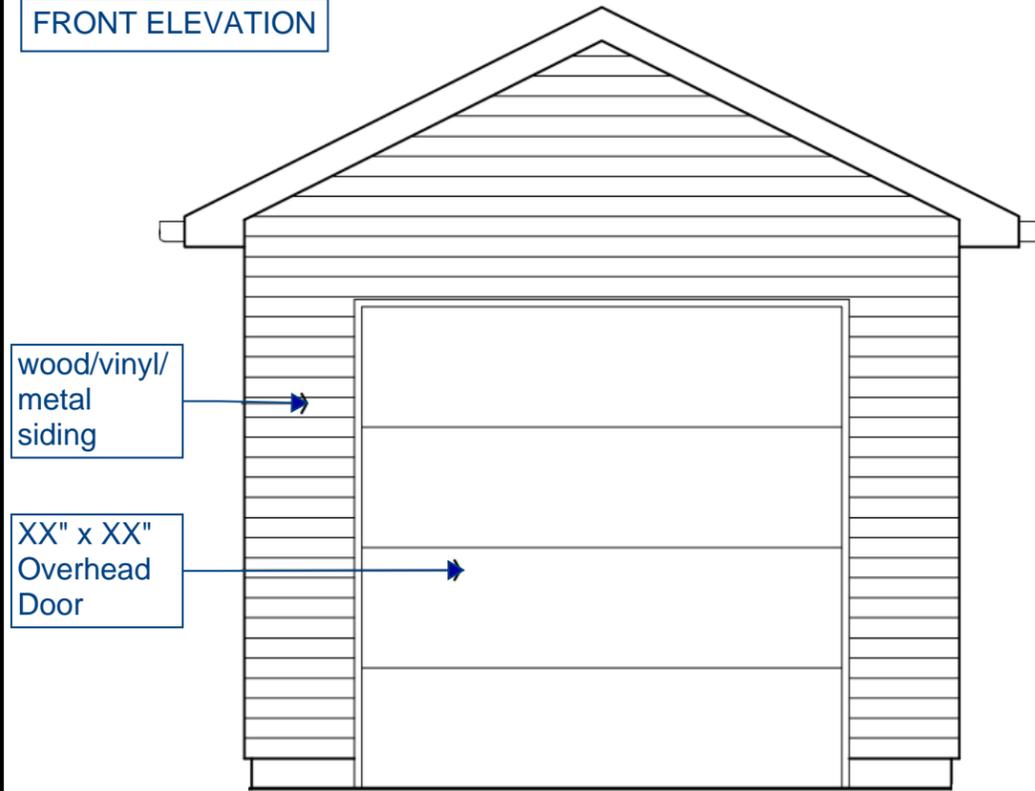
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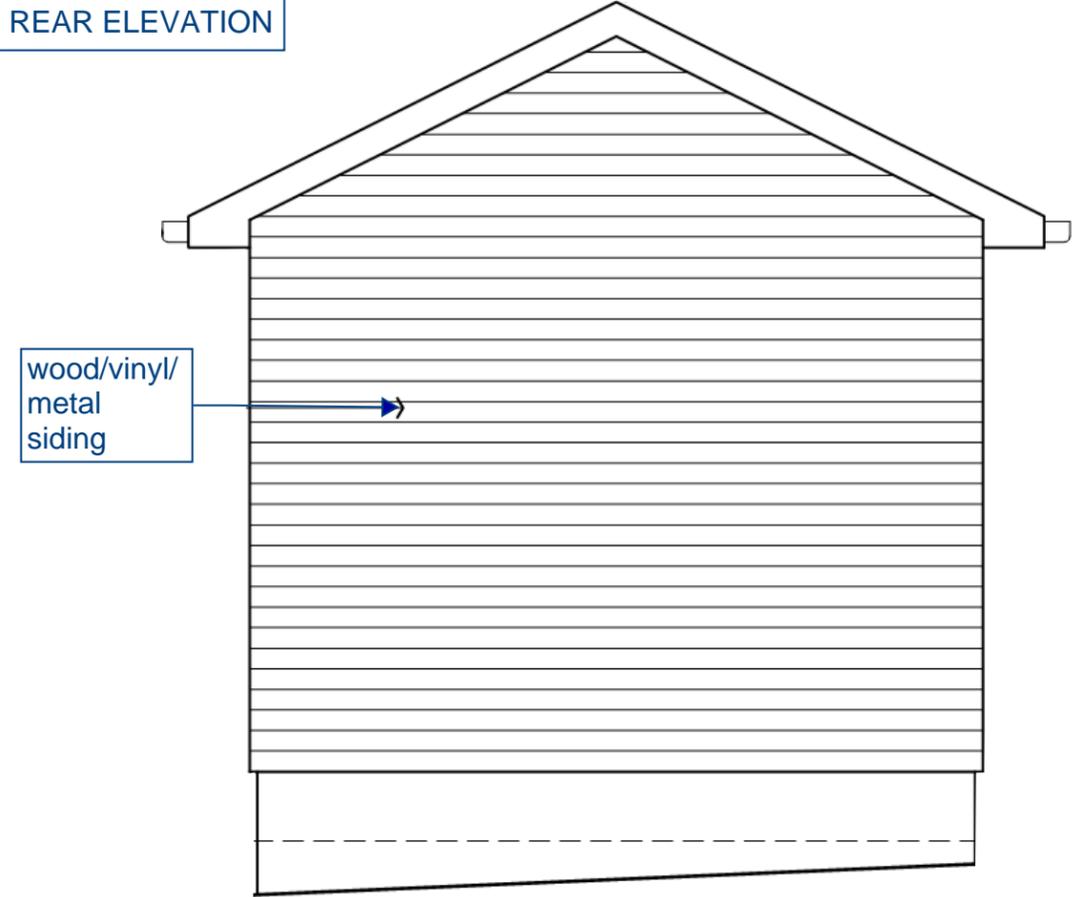
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FRONT ELEVATION



REAR ELEVATION



LEFT/RIGHT ELEVATION

