

17.50.111 - Carports.

Where "C" follows the lot size designation in an NC district on the zoning map, the lot sizes and changes in the district have resulted in a need for carports. Carports are permitted in front yards only where the "C" designation appears.

- A. The following standards govern the construction of all carports in front yards in both the NC-C and NCC-1 districts:
 1. No carport in the front yard shall exceed twenty-six feet wide by twenty feet deep.
 2. In no case shall the installation of a carport create any right-of-way obstruction by the vehicle parked in the carport nor shall the carport be located closer than one foot to the property line.
 3. The clear site triangle shall start twelve feet back from the inside of the curb line.
 4. Clear views from the carport are required for safety. No obstructions to view shall be located between three and one-half and six and one-half feet above grade along the carport's exterior. No obstructions to view shall be located within a thirty-degree sight triangle located on either side of the carport.
 5. Carports shall not be used for storing items other than personal or company vehicles, motorcycles or bicycles.
- B. For those areas where the "NC-C" designation appears, the roof of the carport shall be similar to the roof of the house. Roofs shall be similar in color and pitch to that of the dwelling. Where the roof is pitched, the gutter shall be at the same level as those on the house. Carport ceilings shall be between six and one-half and nine feet above the floor of the carport. The carport's supporting structure shall also match the principal structure on the lot.
- C. For those areas where the "NCC-1" designation appears, pre-manufactured, flat top and other carport construction that does not meet the requirements of the NC-C construction requirements shall be allowed so long as the following conditions are met:
 1. All pre-manufactured carports and any carports utilizing structural steel members or steel pipe shall require design approval by a professional engineer to standards adopted by the New Mexico Construction Industries Division.
 2. All foundation plans for anchoring the carport structure to a permanent foundation must be approved by the department of building safety.
 3. Any carport meeting the standards required in an NC-C district may also be constructed in an NCC-1 district.

(Ord. 1780-2004 § 2, 2004; Ord. 1668-2001 § 2, 2001; Ord. 1664-2001 § 2, 2001; Ord. 1600-99 §§ 2(C) and (D), 1999; Ord. 1524-97 § 2(part), 1997; Ord. 1495-96 § 3(part), 1996).