



Town of Gila Bend COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Building Safety Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Is a permit required for a storage shed?** A building permit is not required for any “one-story detached accessory buildings used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 200 square feet, per Section R105.2 of the 2006 International Residential Code.

- 2. If I add height to my fence, do I need a permit?** A building permit is required for fences over 6'. If your fence will be over 6' when finished, you will need to obtain a building permit before you commence the work.

- 3. What are the pool fencing requirements?** A swimming pool must be secured with a perimeter fence at least 5' in height and all gates equipped with self-closing, self-latching hardware. The fence must be configured to prohibit a 4" sphere from passing through or under the fence. Please refer to the city's Pool, Spa Barrier Guidelines.

- 4. What earthquake (seismic) zone is used?** Category C

- 5. If I have a special inspector on my project, do I need inspections from Building Safety?** Yes, inspections from Building Safety are always required. Inspections by a special inspector are in addition to Building Safety inspections, not in lieu of them.

- 6. How does the city calculate parking requirements?** Parking is based upon building square footage and use. A parking is in the Town of Gila Bend Zoning Code, Article V, Sec 16-5-07 to facilitate customers determining required parking.