



# Pole Sheds & Post Frame Structures



## I live in Ponoka County; do I require a Development Permit (DP) for my Pole Shed or Farm Building?

### YES, if:

- Land Use District (zoning) is NOT Agricultural.
- You plan on insuring the structure.
- The structure includes any electrical, plumbing, or internal finishing relating to occupancy aside from storage. If the structure will be used for a shop, nonagricultural related storage [RV/personal belongings], business purposes.

### NO, if:

- Land Use District (zoning) is: Agricultural, Restricted Agricultural or Agricultural Smallholding.
- The building must be used for housing livestock and/or used for storage of agricultural products/feed or machinery.
- The building is used by the farmer and supports the primary farming operation.

**SETBACKS FROM PROPERTY LINES APPLY**  
*[with or without a permit]*

For more complete details view the County's  
**Land Use Bylaw 7-08-LU @**  
[www.ponokacounty.com/development](http://www.ponokacounty.com/development)

# Alberta Building Code Requirements

The Alberta Building Code & Standards (ABC) requires pole shed or post frame structure for nonagricultural uses [*see opposite page to make determination*] to have a Development Permit and subsequently a Building Permit.

- Stamped or sealed structural drawings must be submitted for review.
- Threshold framing two feet on centre or greater requires engineering. *Many building packages come with pre-engineered drawings.*
- Projects over 500 square meters [5,381 sq.ft] may also require schedules.

## HOW DO I START MY PROJECT?

**Step #1**

Check your zoning/know your project scope/review setbacks in the Land Use By-Law

**Step #2**

Obtain a **Development Permit** from Ponoka County  
[www.ponokacounty.com/development](http://www.ponokacounty.com/development)

**Step #3**

Obtain a **Building Permit**. All Building Permits are contracted to Superior Safety Services. Superior Safety is notified by Ponoka County upon approval of the County Development Permit. Superior Safety conducts inspections based on the Alberta Building Code Requirements, more details available @ [www.superiorsafetycodes.com](http://www.superiorsafetycodes.com) or phone 1.866.999.4777. Insurance typically requires proof of Building Permit to insure your structure/building.

**Development  
Permit**

Ponoka County

**Building  
Permit**

Superior Safety Services

**Insurable  
Completed  
Project**

Have further questions or require guidance? Ponoka County Staff are available to assist you with inquiries.



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