



# Attached Garage Construction Guidelines

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## Attached Garage Construction Permits Submittal Checklist

- \_\_\_\_\_ Building Permit Application
- \_\_\_\_\_ Site Plan
- \_\_\_\_\_ Construction Plans
- \_\_\_\_\_ Electrical, Plumbing and Mechanical Permit Applications (when applicable)

### BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION

Submit completed Building Permit Application

### SITE PLAN

Submit an accurate site plan for review and approval, which includes:

Location of the proposed garage, the house and any other building or structures on the property.

Distances between buildings and structures and to property lines.

Easements, drainage and City Right-of-Way (when applicable)

### CONSTRUCTION PLANS

Submit complete set of construction plans drawn to scale no smaller than ¼ inch to 1 foot - electronic plans are also required for plans larger than 11x17.

**OR fill out the following Construction Details, Floor Plan and Cross Section pages of this handout**

### ADDITIONAL PLANS AND INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR:

Gambrel roof or unconventional roof framing.

Attic storage area and/or stairs to storage area, basement or second floor.

Any use other than a building accessory to one and two family dwellings.

Any living space above the garage.

### ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS:

When applicable, separate permit applications must be submitted for each of the following respective trades Electrical, Plumbing and Mechanical Permits as separate permits are required.

Contractors licensed in accordance with State of Iowa Licensing Laws for the respective trade must obtain these permits and perform the work.

Per State of Iowa Code, homeowners may obtain these permits and perform the work, provided the homeowner has lived there for at least six months.

### OTHER INFORMATION:

After application, the building inspector does a thorough plan review and notes any code deficiencies or missing information on the plans.

When the plans are approved and permit fees are paid, the building permit is issued and construction is authorized to begin.



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## Construction Details

Construction Details for garages attached to one and two family dwellings. Please provide the following information:

Size of New Garage \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ Wall Height \_\_\_\_\_ Enlarging an existing attached garage? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
Length Width

Attaching to new house at: ☐ Hall ☐ Laundry ☐ Kitchen ☐ Mud Room ☐ Dining ☐ Living ☐ Sleeping ☐ Other

Closing windows at: ☐ Hall ☐ Laundry ☐ Kitchen ☐ Mud Room ☐ Dining ☐ Living ☐ Sleeping ☐ Other

Will this garage have living space above it? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, used for: \_\_\_\_\_

Will this garage have storage space above it? ☐ Yes ☐ No Stairs? ☐ Yes ☐ No

### Wall Sheathing

- ☐ Plywood (approved structural wood panel)
- ☐ OSB (approved structural wood panel)
- ☐ Other sheathing \_\_\_\_\_

### Roof Framing

- ☐ Manufactured wood trusses (truss design required)
- ☐ Rafters (ask for rafter information sheet and rafter tables)

### Roof Sheathing

- ☐ Plywood (approved structural wood panel)
- ☐ OSB (approved structural wood panel)

### Roof Sheathing Size

- ☐ 7/16" ☐ 1/2" ☐ 5/8"

Roofing Underlayment Minimum #15 asphalt felt underlay

### Separation from house

- ☐ Solid wood door
- ☐ Metal door (no windows)
- ☐ On garage side of common wall up to roof sheathing
- ☐ On garage side of common wall up to ceiling height and on entire garage ceiling
- ☐ On all garage walls and on entire garage ceiling if living area above

### Wall Corner Bracing

- ☐ 4' at each corner
- ☐ Other bracing method \_\_\_\_\_

Eave Ice Protection (required to a point 24" inside exterior wall)

- ☐ Self-adhering bitumen
- ☐ 2 layers mop on (cemented) #15 felt underlayment

### Roofing

- ☐ Asphalt/fiberglass shingles (approved)
- ☐ Other roofing \_\_\_\_\_

### Wall Weather Barrier

- ☐ Approved house wrap
- ☐ #15 asphalt felt
- ☐ Other barrier \_\_\_\_\_

### Siding

- ☐ Vinyl
- ☐ Other siding \_\_\_\_\_

### OVERHEAD DOORS

	Quantity	Width	X	Height	Quantity	Width	X	Height
Overhead doors:			X				X	
In gable end? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No								
	Quantity	Width	X	Height	Quantity	Width	X	Height
Overhead doors Headers LVL:		1 3/4"	X			1 3/4"	X	
2X:		2"	X			2"	X	

### DOORS AND WINDOWS

	Quantity	Width	X	Height	Quantity	Width	X	Height
Doors: <input type="checkbox"/> swing out <input type="checkbox"/> swing in <input type="checkbox"/> sliding			X	6' 8"		3' or 2' 8"	X	6' 8"
Door Headers:		2"	X			2"	X	
Windows:			X				X	
Window headers:		2"	X			2"	X	



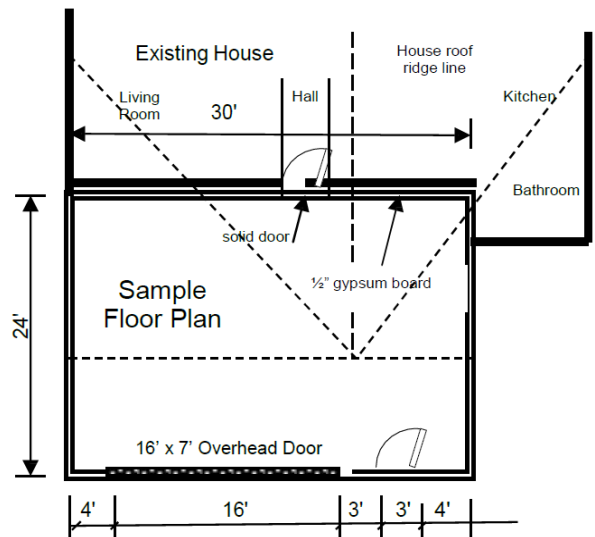
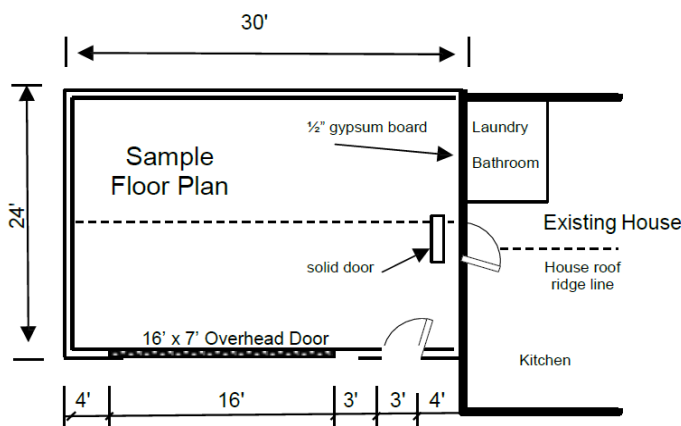
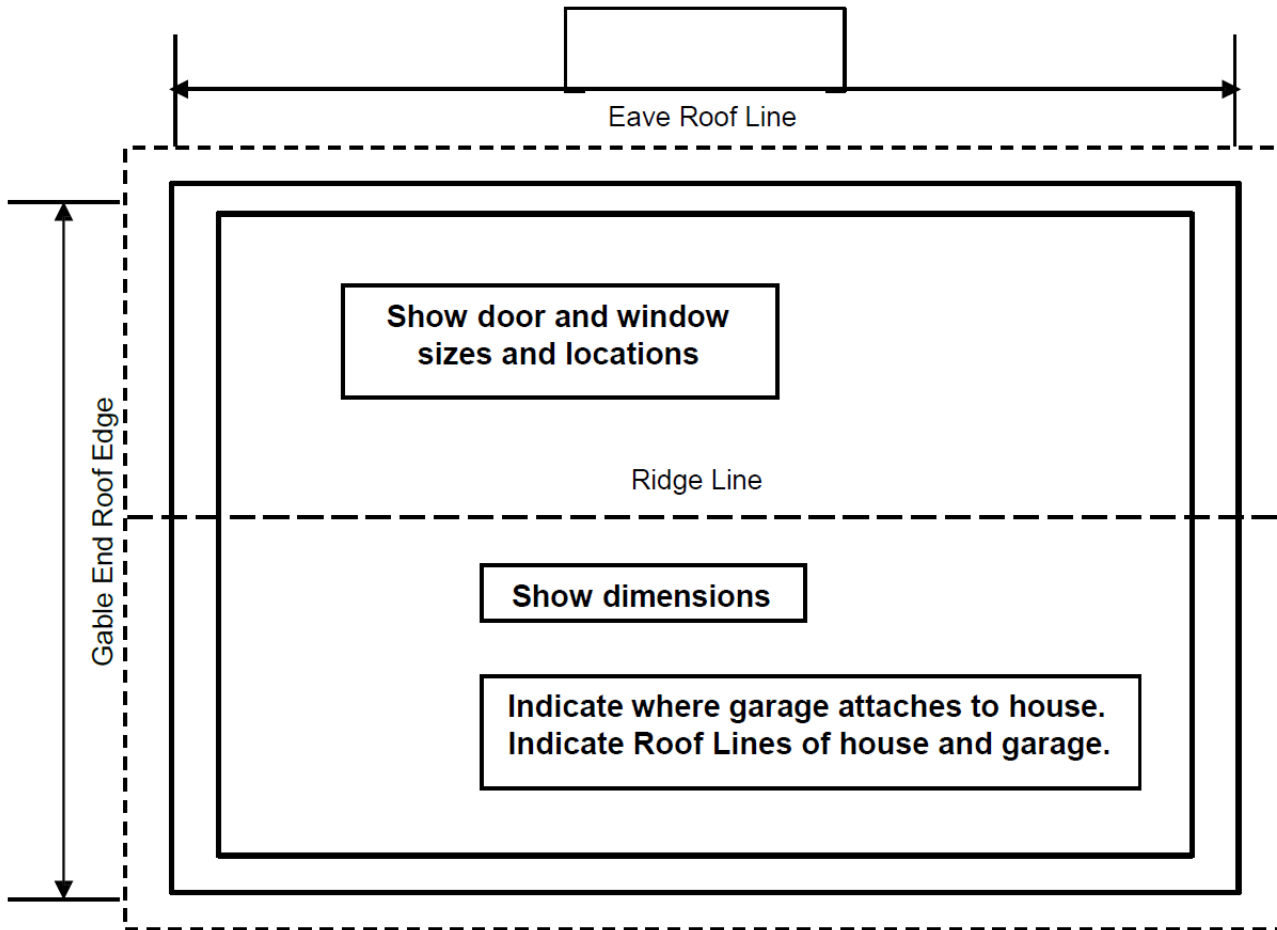
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## Floor Plan





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## Cross Section

Check, circle, or fill in each detail to create your building design.

### ROOF DESIGN

- ☐ Ice and Water Barrier (to 24" inside wall line)  
+ Felt

Roof Sheathing (Circle): 7/16" or 1/2"  
OSB or Plywood

- ☐ 2 X \_\_\_\_\_ Rafters \_\_\_\_\_ on center  
2 X \_\_\_\_\_ Ceiling Joists \_\_\_\_\_ on center

Hip/Valley Rafters \_\_\_\_\_  
- or -

- ☐ Manufactured Trusses (Provide Mfg. Specs.  
at or before Rough Frame Inspection)

- ☐ Roof Ventilation: Total Vent Area in Sq. Inches: \_\_\_\_\_

### WALL DESIGN

Double Top Plate (Circle): 2X4 or 2X6  
(Consult Building Department Staff for Single Top Plate Option)

Window Header: 2 X \_\_\_\_\_ - or - LVL 1 3/4" X \_\_\_\_\_

Door Header: 2 X \_\_\_\_\_ - or - LVL 1 3/4" X \_\_\_\_\_

Studs (Circle): 2X4 or 2X6 at \_\_\_\_\_ on center

Bottom Plate (Single) - Same as Top Plates

Wall Sheathing: \_\_\_\_\_

Weather Barrier (Circle): House Wrap or Felt

Siding: \_\_\_\_\_

Sill Plate (Circle): 2X6 or 2X8  
(Must be Treated or Naturally Decay Resistant)

### FOUNDATION DESIGN

1/2" X 10" Anchor Bolt, Washer and Nut (or other approved anchors), 6' on center and 12" max. from plate splices.  
Anchor Bolt MUST have 7" embedment in concrete.

Foundation Rebar (size, grade, location): \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ UFER Ground (1/2" X 20' Rebar Typical) for  
connection to new electrical panel

Foundation Depth - 42" minimum below finished grade

Footing Size: 8"X16" minimum or \_\_\_\_\_

Foundation Wall Width: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_

Drainage Tile Required for Basement Foundations

Slope Finished Grade Away from Building-min. 6" in 10'

Maintain 6" Clearance from Exterior Siding to Grade

**ROOF SLOPE** 12 inches  
\_\_\_\_\_ Inches

Attic Insulation: Minimum R49

### INTERIOR FINISH

Ceiling - 5/8" Drywall, Typical; Other \_\_\_\_\_

Wall Insulation (Minimum R20):

6" Fiberglass or better in 2X6 Wall

- or -

2X4 Wall with Alternate Insulation (Circle):

Foam or Cellulose or Rigid Foam

Sheathing Plus Fiberglass (+ Wind Bracing)

Vapor Barrier: \_\_\_\_\_

Wall Finish - 1/2" Drywall; Other \_\_\_\_\_

Wall Height (from Finished Floor): \_\_\_\_\_ ft. \_\_\_\_\_ in.

### FLOOR DESIGN

Subfloor: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ 2 X \_\_\_\_\_ Floor Joists \_\_\_\_\_ on center

- ☐ Engineered Floor System \_\_\_\_\_ Center Beam Size

- ☐ 2 X \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ 1 3/4" X \_\_\_\_\_ LVL

or ☐ Steel: \_\_\_\_\_

Center Beam Post Spacing: \_\_\_\_\_ on center

### CRAWL SPACE

Pressure Treated Beams  
within 12" and Joists within 18" of Earth

Clear Height Provided: \_\_\_\_\_

Vapor Barrier Over Earth (Circle): Yes or No

Ventilation: \_\_\_\_\_ square inches

Insulation (Circle):

R10 Foundation Walls or R30 Floors

Insulate Mechanical Ducts: R6 Minimum



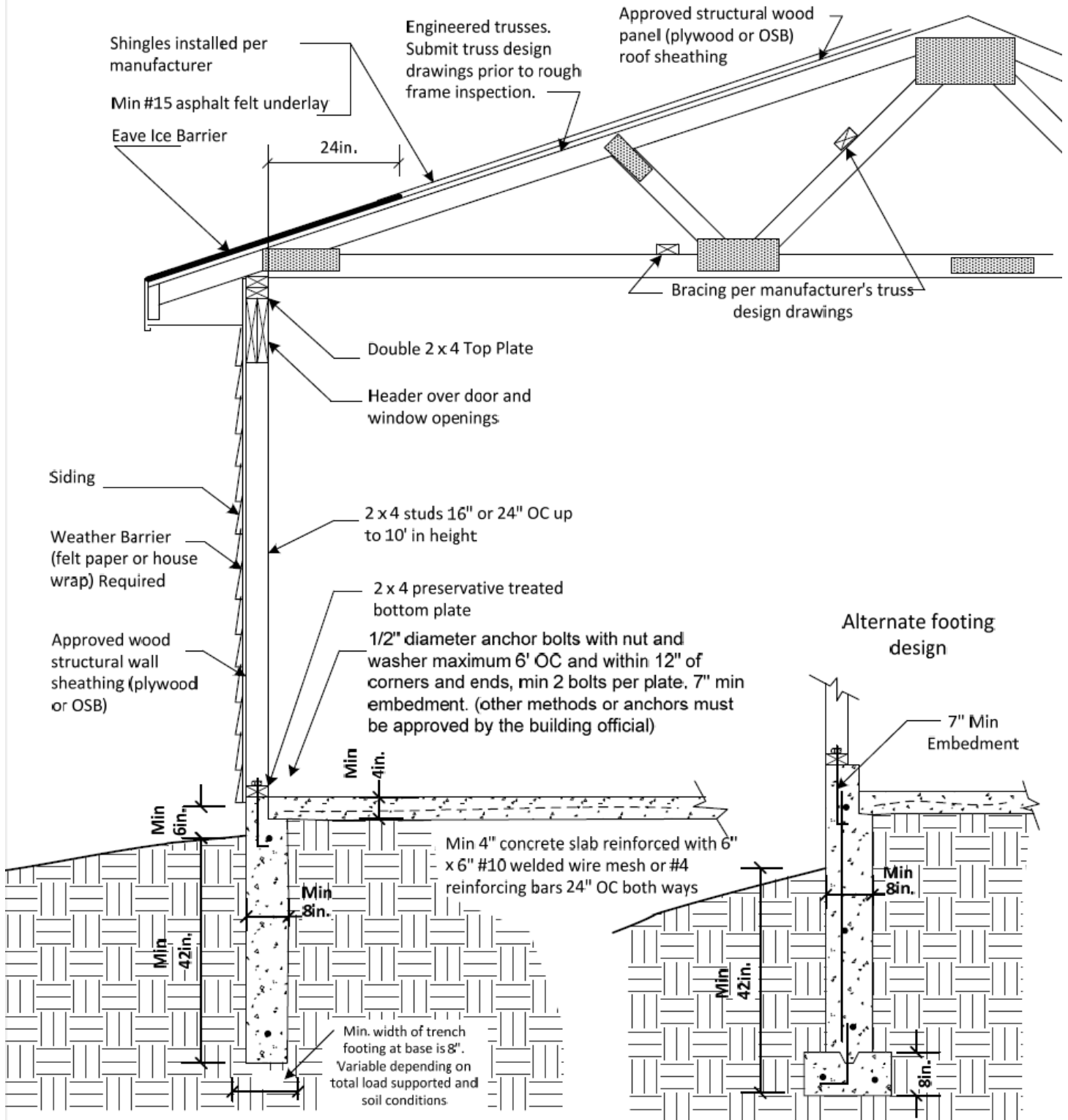
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## Cross Section Example





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## Inspections Required

The inspection card must be kept at the jobsite to be available to the building inspector at all times. The permit card must be displayed and visible from the street. If this is impossible, post on an exterior to be visible to the building inspector on site.

Each phase of construction listed below shall comply with City of Muscatine Codes and shall pass inspection before work proceeds. It is the responsibility of the permit holder or their agent to call for inspections and to provide access for inspection. At least **24 Hours Notice** is required prior to inspection. Based on the scope of work, all inspections listed below may not be required for every project.

Footings	Excavation complete, forms, and steel reinforcement in place, before concrete is poured. Includes post, pier, trench, spread, pad and other footings. Concrete encased electrode (UFER ground) in place for new buildings and building additions.
Groundwork	Underground or under slab plumbing, PEX tubing, HVAC, or electrical work before covering. Water test with 10' head pressure required on plumbing Drain, Waste, Vent system.
Utilities	Temporary and permanent electrical services.
Gas Piping Rough-In	Gas piping before covering or concealment. Coordinate air test on gas piping with Alliant Energy.
Plumbing Rough-In	Before insulation, gypsum board, or any covering has been installed.
Mechanical Rough-In	Before insulation, gypsum board, or any covering has been installed.
Electrical Rough-In	Before insulation, gypsum board, or any covering has been installed.
Framing Rough-In	All framing complete, after the above rough-ins have been approved, before insulation, gypsum board, or any covering has been installed. Truss design drawings shall be on site. If possible, coordinate rough-in inspections for one trip.
Final Inspection	After all phases of construction are complete and building is ready for occupancy.

The portion or addition of the garage affected by the work must not be occupied until Final Inspection has been completed, approved and a **Certificate of Occupancy** has been issued by Community Development.