



# Maricopa County

## Planning & Development Department

### Department Directive

Department Directive:  
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**PURPOSE:** To clarify requirements and procedures for permits for accessory structures connected to gas lines.

#### **REFERENCES:**

Maricopa County Zoning Ordinance:  
Section 201 - Structure:

1. Anything manufactured or constructed by humans, as opposed to that occurring in nature, which is affixed, anchored, or otherwise attached to or below the surface of the ground.
2. Anything manufactured or constructed by humans, as opposed to that occurring in nature, which is attached to something having been affixed, anchored or otherwise attached to or below the surface of the ground.

#### Section 1504.5 - Zoning Clearance:

It shall be unlawful to construct, alter, repair or improve, remove or demolish, or to commence the creation, construction, alteration, removal or demolition of a building, structure or use without first filing with the Zoning Inspector an application in writing and obtaining a Zoning Clearance.

#### **POLICY/PROCEDURE:**

For purposes of permit and plan submittal for structures connected to gas lines including, but not limited to, firepits, fire rings, fireplaces, kivas, barbeques, pool heaters, spas and attached seat benches shall be defined and regulated as minor permits under the above referenced codes. Setback and lot coverage requirements will apply but these types of structures will not be considered "buildings" and will not need to meet building separation requirements.

Minor permits for gas lines will not be issued when no permit has been issued for the associated structure and minor permits cannot be issued for gas lines to future work. Minor permits may be issued for gas tanks less than 250 gallons with the condition that the tanks be setback as set forth in directive DD-2009-03. Tanks that are 250 gallons (or larger) or tanks that are 3½ feet high (or higher), will be treated as accessory buildings.