

# Pergola Summary Sheet

Pergola—A structure of colonnades supporting an open roof of crossing rafters or trellis’.

Pergolas require building permits; obtained from Permitting Division in Community Development Department

- ◆ Pergolas shall be attached or freestanding structures
- ◆ There is no limit on the number of attached pergolas per primary structure; there is no limit to the maximum size of the attached pergolas
- ◆ An attached pergola may be placed over the front entrance or walkway into a residence, and must not exceed the most forward part of the primary structure
- ◆ A pergola is considered attached if a minimum of 20% of the pergola’s perimeter is attached to the primary structure (see Examples below)
- ◆ A pergola that is attached to a previously-attached pergola is considered to be an extension of the original attached pergola; the enlarged pergola must still meet the minimum perimeter attachment percentage of 20%
- ◆ Freestanding pergolas are limited to 200 total square feet of coverage per single family residential property. There can be multiple pergolas, but the sum of coverage cannot exceed 200 square feet



- ◆ Freestanding pergolas are limited to 100 square feet per unit of a duplex property. There can be multiple pergolas, but the sum cannot exceed 100 square feet per unit, and cannot exceed 200 square feet per duplex
- ◆ The amount of freestanding square footage coverage for multi-family residential, non-residential, agricultural, and public worship developments (all commercial developments in permitting) may be determined by the Community Development Director or his designee
- ◆ Pergolas must conform to all setback requirements
- ◆ Pergolas are not permitted to be placed on docks
- ◆ Pergolas must conform to all zoning district requirements (maximum height)
- ◆ Pergolas, if placed in the backyards of waterfront properties, shall not unreasonably restrict or block the view of a canal or other waterway from an adjoining lot
- ◆ Pergolas shall be maintained in good condition; no specific material requirements for pergolas
- ◆ Pergolas shall be built in accordance with the Florida Building Code: must meet wind load, must have engineered signed and sealed plans, must obtain permit