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MEMBRANE STRUCTURES FAQ



(shape, size, color, support and cover material do not matter)

Is this considered a structure?

Yes, per the Chester Zoning Ordinance (CZO) a structure is defined as “That which is built or constructed, an edifice or building of any kind, or any piece of work artificially built above or below the surface or composed of parts joined together in some definite manner.”

Do I need a permit for this type of structure?

Per the 2015 International Residential Code (IRC), adopted in New Hampshire in September 2019, section R105.2§ Building 1: “*One-story, detached, accessory structures*, provided that the floor area does not exceed 200 square feet (18.58 m²).” would exempt smaller versions of these. **HOWEVER:**

Per the CZO Article 10 section 10.2 § 10.2.2 - Permit Required “No construction, reconstruction, alteration or repair of a building or structure shall commence without a building permit issued by the Building Inspector, except such ordinary repairs and maintenance as are exempted from building permits by the Building Code.”

Also, per the 2015 IRC R107.1 the building official may issue permits for temporary structures and temporary uses but shall not be for more than 180 days. R107.2 requires such temporary structures and uses to conform to structural strength, fire safety, means of egress, light ventilation, and sanitary requirements of this code as necessary to ensure public health, safety and general welfare.

How do I know if I need a permit?

Follow the flow chart below...

