

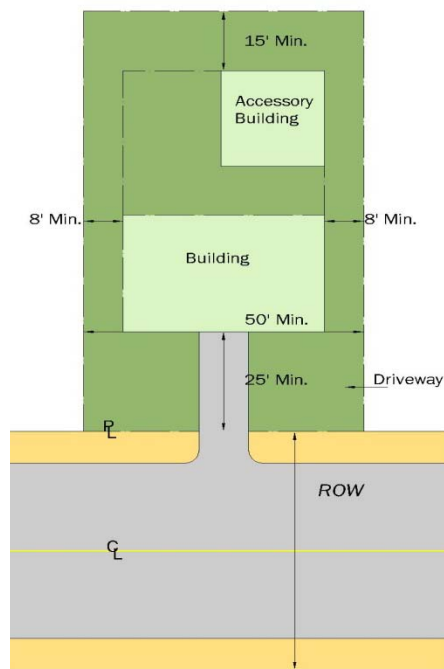
Harrison County

Zoning Administration



What is Lot Coverage?

Lot coverage is the percent of the total lot covered by buildings and impervious surfaces. For example, houses, garages, sheds, gazebos, swimming pools, driveways, parking lots and covered patios all count as part of lot coverage. Lot coverage standards by zoning district are in Section 416 of the Harrison County Unified Development Ordinance.



Lot Coverage: This example of a house, driveway and accessory building on a 6,000 square foot lot, represents 40 percent lot coverage.

Why is there a Lot Coverage requirement?

A lot coverage standard helps preserve the green appearance and natural environment.

Lot Coverage Requirements

A lot coverage worksheet must be included with building permits and land use applications (such as rezoning and conditional use applications). The worksheet is available at the Harrison County Zoning Office. In addition to the worksheet, a scaled drawing showing the percent lot coverage should be submitted.

The scaled drawing should include the following:

1. The location and dimensions of all building footprints including building foundations, overhangs, canopies, balconies, carports, parking lots, driveways, swimming pools, etc.
2. A table of all areas measured and their dimensions.
3. The maximum coverage allowed for the zoning district in which the property is located.
4. The lot area and source of the lot area information
5. The proposed maximum lot coverage, as a percentage of lot area

For additional information on lot coverage requirements, contact the Harrison County Zoning Office at 228-831-3367.