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- 1.0 Purpose**
- 1.1 This policy is to establish consistent regulations regarding residential garages within the Town of Midale.

- 2.0 Definitions**
- 2.1 **“Accessory building”** – is subordinate to the principal building; contributes to the comfort, convenience of the principal building and is located on the same site as the principal building.
- 2.2 **“Garage, private”** – a building or part of a building used for or intended to be used for the storage of motor vehicles and wherein neither servicing nor repairing of such vehicles are carried on for remuneration.
- 2.3 **“Setback”** – the distance required to obtain the front yard, rear yard, or side yard provisions of this Policy.
- 2.4 **“Site”** – an area of land, consisting of one or more lots consolidated under a single certificate of title, considered as a unit devoted to a certain use or occupied by a building or a permitted group of buildings, and the customary accessories and open spaces belonging to the same.
- 2.5 **“Site Line”** – any boundary of a site.
- 2.6 **“Site Line, Front”** – the line separating the site from the street; for a corner site, the shorter line abutting a street; in the case of a corner site with two street lines of equal length, the front site line shall be designated by predetermined building lines.
- 2.7 **“Site Line, Rear”** – the site line at the rear of the site, opposite the front site line.
- 2.7 **“Site Line, Side”** – a site line other than a front or rear site line.
- 2.8 **“Yard”** – open, uncovered space on the same site as a building or structure
- 2.9 **“Yard, Front”** – the area between the side site lines extending across the full width of a site from the front site line and the nearest main wall of the building or structure.
- 2.10 **“Yard, Rear”** – the area between the side site lines extending across the full width of a site from the rear site line and the nearest main wall of the building or structure.
- 2.11 **“Yard, Side”** – the area extending from the front yard to the rear yard between the side site lines and the nearest main wall of the building or structure.

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3.0 Regulations

3.1 **Setback regulations** for a residential garage or accessory building in a residential area are as follows:

- 6.1 metres (20 ft) from the front site line;
- 1.2 metres (4 ft) from the side site line unless the side site line is an abutting street, then the side yard shall be 3.6 metres (12 ft)
- 0.9 metres (3 ft) from the rear site line except where the residential garage or accessory building has a door or doors opening onto a lane, then it shall not be located less that 1.2 metres (4 ft) from the site line abutting the lane.

3.2 **Maximum Floor Area**

3.2.1 Residential garages, carports, and accessory buildings attached to a principal building by a substantial roof structure shall be considered as part of the principal building and shall not exceed the square footage of the main floor of the principal dwelling in size.

3.2.2 Detached residential garage or accessory building is permitted in any side or rear yard, provided there is sufficient available space to comply with all the setback regulations and the maximum floor area does not exceed 83.7 m² (900 ft²) in area.

3.3 **Maximum Height**

3.3.1 Height of attached residential garages, carports and accessory buildings shall not exceed the height of the principal building.

3.3.2 Detached residential garage or accessory building shall have a maximum peak height of 6.1 metres (20 ft).

3.4 **Other Regulations**

3.4.1 All activities related to artisan studios, crafts, and workshops shall be conducted within an enclosed building. No exterior storage of materials, goods, or waste products is permitted, except within a waste disposal bin for collection.

3.4.2 Temporary, fabric covered structures consisting of wood, metal or plastic framing covered on the roof and one or more sides with fabric, plastic, vinyl or other sheet material shall be permitted on residential sites. Location shall be determined at the discretion of Council.

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