



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

Date: September 25, 2012

To: Code Services Staff

From: Brad Claussen, Building Official

Subject: Permits for in-ground storm shelters

Under section 105.2 exception 1 of the 2009 IRC, building permits are not required for certain detached accessory structures under 200 square feet in size. While in ground storm shelters are not specifically listed, I believe the intent is to exempt items such as these.

Therefore, we will not require a building permit or inspection for a storm shelter which is an accessory structure and which is less than 200 square feet in size. Any shelter that is placed within the primary structure or any other building not exempt from permit will still be required to be constructed under a building permit.

As with any accessory structure, even though a building permit may not be required, code provisions still must be followed. Also, the zoning office should be consulted for proper setbacks and other zoning or flood plain related requirements.