



Land Use Division

The Land Use Division staff administers development regulations which include State Coastal Area Management Act (**CAMA**) inland rules as well as the Onslow County Subdivision, Flood Damage Prevention and Zoning Ordinances. The Zoning & Environmental Officers also enforce the Solid Waste Management Ordinance (SWMO) and Minimum Housing Ordinance.

The Solid Waste Management Ordinance requires the following:

- that trash/rubbish be properly disposed of and containerized
- that the accumulation of junk, abandoned vehicles, inoperable equipment, dilapidated furniture/appliances and construction debris not be permitted to be visible from public view
- that abandoned manufactured homes/homes be secured, removed or demolished
- that open burning of non-vegetative debris not be permitted

The county does not have a high-grass ordinance.

The Onslow County Zoning Ordinance establishes requirements for the development of property within the county jurisdiction. Permits are required.

HOME OCCUPATION rules:

- No products should be visible from street
- Home occupation is incidental to residential use
- Only residents and up to two non-resident employees
- Sign no larger than 4 square feet
- Trips of no more than 30 vehicles per day
- No shipments/deliveries between 8PM and 8 AM

FENCES are not regulated by the zoning ordinance. If property owners plan to erect a fence within 3-5 feet of a property line, they are advised to contact their neighbor in order to avoid property line disputes. Fences should not encroach into any access, drainage or utility easements.

POOLS having a depth of 24 inches or greater are required to be protected by a 4-foot barrier and require a building permit; the below placement standards apply.

RESIDENTIAL ACCESSORY STRUCTURES all require a zoning permit that meets the following requirements:

- In Residential Zoning Districts, accessory structures may only be located in side and rear yards; structures less than 400 square feet must be setback 5 feet from rear and side property lines and structures 400 square feet or greater must be setback 8 feet from rear and side property lines.
- Carports may be located forward of the home; they must meet the side and rear setbacks based on size and the front setback required for the home.
- Lots zoned Rural Agriculture (RA) and lots greater than 2 acres are permitted to have accessory structures forward of the home; structures must meet the side and rear setbacks as provided above and must meet the front setback as required for the home.
- Structures must be 5 feet from septic systems and repair areas except that pools must be 15 feet from these areas.
- Structures shall not be located within any rights-of-way or easements.
- Storage sheds with any dimension greater than 12 feet require a building permit.

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