



Shade Sail Canopies

PERMIT POLICY:

1. Single family, two family (duplex), single family attached townhomes (where each unit is on its own lot parcel):
A permit is not required for shade sail canopies for these IRC dwellings when all the following are met:
 - a. Each shade sail is 120 square feet max.
 - b. *And* each shade sail is self-supported (one post per connection and cannot be supported by or attached directly to the house)
 - c. *And* 8ft maximum in height
 - d. *And* located 3ft away from all property lines

2. Commercial and Multi-Family (3 or more attached units on a single lot/parcel):
A permit is always required for shade sails associated with commercial and multi-family buildings.

When a permit is required, all the following items must be submitted for review:

- a. Submit Specifications showing shades are fire retardant in compliance with NFPA701
- b. Submit structural engineering (stamped letter or plans from a Colorado licensed Engineer) showing compliance with City of Fort Collins wind and snow loads. www.fcgov.com/building/codes.

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