## POLE BARN BUILDING GUIDE

The attached Building Guide was created by the Colorado Chapter of the ICC Standardization Committee, and may be used without the need for any additional engineering, where:

- the barn is rectangular and no larger than 40 'L X 32'W X 12'H maximum
- rectangular shaped barns maintain a minimum 5:4 aspect ratio (i.e. 40' $\mathrm{X} 32^{\prime}$ )
- the minimum requirement of $8^{\prime}$ of wall on either side of any openings on the end wall to allow for required wall bracing
- post spacing is $8^{\prime}$ on center maximum.
- no changes are proposed to the minimum requirements shown in this guide
- no soffit and eave overhangs are proposed for the barn


## POLE BARN PLAN SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Additional details may be required for plan review depending upon the full scope of work. Documentation showing compliance with the (IECC) International Energy Conservation Code is also required for any heated structures.

1. A completed permit application signed by the applicant.
2. SITE PLAN, (2) for permanent record and field inspection.
-Must show the location of all proposed construction in relation to property lines and any other structures currently on the property, and the proposed driveway location.
3. Clarify whether any utilities (gas, water, heating, electrical) are to be included with this permit.
4. A COMPLETED POLE BARN BUILDING GUIDE -See Attached

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## Plan Requirements

Provide all of the details listed below on your plans. Complete sets of plans and site plan must be submitted at time of application.

## Floor Plan

1. Provide plan view of pole location, spacing, dimensions of the building.
2. Framing plan should show direction, size, and spacing of roof system, purlins, girts, beams and header sizes.
3. Indicate the locations of all window and door openings.
4. Indicate the locations of the poles, and provide dimensions between the poles.
5. Maximum width is $32^{\prime}$, max length $40^{\prime}$, maintaining at least a 5:3 length to width ratio.

## Section Elevation

1. Front, rear and both side views to scale (identify scale).
2. Finished grade line at building.
3. Label the depths to the bottom of the poles. Note that piers must be at least 48 inches in depth, or the plan must be engineered.
4. Label the pole size and type of material. Wood poles embedded in earth must be treated wood, labeled for ground contact.
5. Label the sidewall girt size, type of material, and spacing. Note that the bottom girt must be treated wood if located within 6 inches of grade.
6. Label the beam size and type of material above the poles. Detail the method of fastening the beam to the poles.
7. Label the rafter size and spacing.(if engineered trusses are to be used, you may indicate this instead).
8. Label the rafter tie (or ceiling joist) size and spacing. (Not required for engineered trusses).
9. Label the roof purlin size and spacing, if applicable.
10. Label exterior wall finish material.
11. Label the roof covering material.

## Inspections Required

1. Plans and cards need to be on-site at time of all inspections.
2. Setback, Hole Inspection and Hold down cleats are attached to posts: After holes are dug but before concrete pads are poured.
3. After the pads are poured verify concrete thickness
4. Framing Inspection: Requested after building is up and before any insulation or interior covering is installed. May be final also if no further work is being done.
5. Final Inspection: Requested after all work is completed, such as insulation, concrete slab, electrical, plumbing, heating, and/or sheetrock.
6. Additional inspections may be required by local jurisdictions.

Where allowed by the Jurisdiction, this pole barn guide may be used without the need for any additional engineering, where all of the following comply: The barn is no larger than $40^{\prime} \mathrm{L} \times 32^{\prime} \mathrm{W} \times 12^{\prime} \mathrm{H}$ side walls
Rectangular shaped barns must maintain a
minimum 5:3 ratio
The Jurisdictional requirements and barn location
do not exceed the pole barn guides 30 PSF (snow) live load or 90 MPH design parameters

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