



# Town of DeWitt – Planning Board



## Pole Style Building Policy

### **Purpose:**

Pole-style or “pole barn” buildings are a source of concern to the Town of DeWitt relative to longevity, durability and the use of an architecturally unattractive building material and/or style that are commonly found to be contrary to town community development policy and guidelines.

The Town Planning Board has regularly attempted to verbalize a policy but this has been insufficient to inform and educate builders and property owners of the acceptable use (and misuse) of such construction. Consequently, this policy is intended to state the conditions under which pole-style construction may be permitted in the Town of DeWitt, outside the Village of East Syracuse.

### **Definition:**

A pole-style building for purposes of this policy is any sort of enclosed structure whose basic design excludes a continuous perimeter foundation/frost wall and/or a concrete floor. A key feature of pole-style building construction is that it is not designed or intended as habitable space: rather, its intended use is wholly or partly for unheated storage.

### **Policy:**

It is the policy of the Town of DeWitt to allow pole-style construction when such construction is intended as a secondary or ancillary structure or use and is compatible with adjoining properties and districts. This means that such a structure cannot be a principle structure.

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