Canopies are...

Freestanding collapsible accessory structures that consist of a canvas or other durable fabric covering, that is fitted over a metal frame or a frame constructed from some other sturdy material.

Important Information About Canopies in Lakewood

For more information:

Community Development Department
City of Lakewood
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The placement of accessory structures (such as canopies) in side and front yards, including driveway areas, has never been allowed in the City of Lakewood.

The City's off-street parking requirements ordinance adopted in 1974 does not allow the placement of any structure in the driveway area and the turning radius for a garage.

Ordinance No. 2004-5 added the definition of canopies to the Lakewood Municipal Code and specified that canopies are not permitted in the required yard setback areas and driveways.

In case you didn't know what the law is on canopies:

- To let residents know where they can legally install canopies.
- To reduce the proliferation of illegally placed canopies.
- To let residents know that canopies are not permitted as a substitute for required covered off-street parking (i.e., a garage or carport).
- To provide residents with a more appealing neighborhood.
- To ensure that your property values are preserved.
- To enforce the Lakewood Municipal Code and prevent hazards to residents.

Where canopies are permitted:

- Canopies are allowed in rear yard area and must be at least 4 feet from the house.

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