WHAT PROJECTS REQUIRE A ZONING / OCCUPANCY PERMIT?

**Note:** This is not a complete list of construction activities requiring a zoning/occupancy permit.

- All new primary structures
- Detached Buildings
  - Garages
  - Pole buildings
  - Garden/Utility sheds
  - Carports & lean-to’s
- Detached Accessory Structures
  - Gazebos
  - Canvas tent enclosure
  - Swimming pools
  - Signage
- Residential Additions
  - Attached garage
  - 3 or 4 season porches
  - Decks
  - Any other addition
  - Structural Modifications
    - Egress windows
    - Roofline changes

If your parcel is located within a Shoreland District, a permit will also be required for almost ANY CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY. The Shoreland District is defined as any property located 300 feet from the Ordinary High-Water Mark of navigable rivers, streams or to the landward side of the floodplain, whichever distance is greater, or within 1000 feet of a lake. If your property is located within a Shoreland District, refer to the Shoreland District Pamphlet.

TYPICAL SETBACKS

Shown here are the most required setbacks for residential structures. **All plans for construction will be reviewed by zoning staff prior to the issuance of a Zoning/Occupancy Permit.** Your project may be subject to additional requirements. Side yard and rear yard setbacks may vary with the zoning district. Please phone the Zoning Department at 608-785-9722 to discuss your plans.

- **Front Yard Building Setback**
  - 60’ from the centerline of a town road
  - 50’ from the R.O.W. line of a federal, state or county highway
  - As required on a plat

- **Side Yard Building Setback**
  - The sum of the widths of the required side yard shall not be less than 20’ and no single side yard shall be less than 8’
  - As required on a plat

- **Rear Yard Building Setback**
  - 25’ from the rear property line (No portion of the main residence or structure attached to it may intrude into the rear yard setback)
  - As required on a plat

WHAT INFORMATION IS REQUIRED FOR MY PERMIT APPLICATION?

1. Completed application form
2. Site sketch drawn to scale including:
   a. All existing structures
   b. Proposed construction
   c. Lot lines / Highway R.O.W.
   d. Setback dimensions
3. Other required permits
4. Permit fee

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits are issued by each individual township. Please contact your township’s building inspector regarding the structural aspects of your construction project.

HEIGHT AND AREA LIMITS FOR DETACHED ACCESSORY STRUCTURES

The requirements for detached accessory structures are listed in the chart to the right. The first step is to find the column that pertains to your lot size. The standards for height, total area, setbacks, and number of detached accessory structures are clearly listed.

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Building and excavation permits are obtained through your Township. You will need a copy of your Zoning/Occupancy Permit and required fee.

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**ZONING/OCCUPANCY PERMITS**

La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance requires that a zoning/occupancy permit be issued for all construction with a few exceptions. The following information applies to anyone planning construction activities outside of a city or village within La Crosse County. Although each construction project is unique, certain requirements are common to all. This pamphlet is intended as a guideline to answer some of the most frequently asked questions.

This pamphlet is extracted from the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance and should in no way be considered a complete version of Chapter 17 Zoning Code - Code of Ordinances.

Please contact the Zoning, Planning, and Land Information Department to discuss your specific project.