

Outagamie County Zoning Permits

Outagamie County has several chapters within its Code of Ordinances that require permits that are issued through the [Development and Land Services Department](#).

Outagamie County has jurisdiction and permitting authority within the unincorporated townships. Due to the nature of zoning ordinances, municipal agreements and other factors, not all chapters are applicable in every township. ***The best way to determine if your project requires permitting through Outagamie County is to contact [Zoning Department Staff](#).*** The County does not have jurisdiction or permitting authority within any of the cities or villages located within the county (such as the City of Appleton) **with the exception of permitting for private on-site waste treatment systems, county-wide.**

Most permits can be issued “over-the-counter”, while other permits can only be issued through approval of the [Zoning Committee](#), only after public hearing. Permits that require public hearings can take up to 12 weeks to obtain.

A comprehensive list of typical over-the-counter permits include the following:

- **AIRPORT ZONING PERMITS** (Chapter 10): Airport Zoning Permits are issued for development within an Airport Zoning Permit.
- **EROSION CONTROL PERMITS** (Chapter 20): Erosion control permits are issued for filling, grading and excavating projects that have a land disturbance of 4000 ft² or more.
- **FLOODPLAIN ZONING PERMITS** (Chapter 24): Floodplain Zoning Permits are issued for structural development within a Floodplain Zoning District.
- **SHORELAND ZONING PERMITS** (Chapter 44): Shoreland Zoning Permits are issued for development within a Shoreland Zoning District.
- **STORMWATER PERMITS** (Chapter 48): Stormwater permits are issued for any development that results in 2000 ft² or more of impervious surface.

BUILDING PERMITS

In Outagamie County, **BUILDING PERMITS** are issued by the towns and the Town Building Inspector. When a project requires both county and town permitting, the BUILDING PERMIT will not be issued until after all county permits have been issued.

✓ **Visit your town website or view a list of public officials [HERE](#).**

ADDITIONAL PERMITS

Many projects will also require additional permitting under various authorities. Some potential permits and authorities are:

- Private On-Site Waste Disposal Systems (POWTS) - Outagamie County Department of Development and Land Services
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Permitting
- United States Army Corps of Engineers Permitting
- Road Access Permits
 - State Roads – Wisconsin Department of Transportation
 - County Roads – Outagamie County Highway Department
 - Town Roads – Local Towns



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PERMITTING PROCESS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE

This permitting process scenario assumes that the parcel is zoned for residential use and also assumes that all County zoning regulations would apply to the parcel. Please note this is a comprehensive list of all permits that could be required. No two parcels are exactly alike, your specific project may not require all of these permits.

- Step 1: Federal or State Agency Permits
- Residential Access Permit depending on driveway location
- Step 2: Zoning Permits; Could include any of the following: Airport, Erosion Control, Floodplain, Shoreland & Stormwater
- Step 3: Private On-Site Waste Disposal System (POWTS) Permit
- Step 4: Local Town Building Permit
- Step 5: Additional Federal or State Agency Permits

DETERMINING APPLICABLE ZONING DISTRICTS

If you are familiar with using online Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping, it is possible for you to determine your property's zoning district(s) and potential permit requirements.

- ✓ You can access the County zoning districts GIS map, [HERE](#).

OUTAGAMIE COUNTY PERMIT APPLICATIONS

All permit applications are required to be submitted online through [CityView Web Portal](#).