

BUILDING A HOME IN WALWORTH COUNTY?

HERE IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON WALWORTH COUNTY'S ZONING ORDINANCE

This brochure is meant to assist prospective homeowners and builders in getting properly started in designing and building a home in Walworth County, Wisconsin. It will be necessary for you to check with individual Towns to obtain building code and building permit requirements.

WALWORTH COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCES

The Zoning Ordinances of Walworth County were generally adopted in 1974 regulating setbacks, use and height of structures. The intent of the Zoning Ordinances were to secure safety, further the appropriate use of land and conservation of natural resources, stabilize and protect the natural beauty and property values of Walworth County and to prevent flood damage.

The Walworth County Zoning Ordinances are regulated by Zoning Administrators hired by Walworth County. The Walworth County Zoning Department regulates the Zoning Ordinances through the review and issuance of zoning permits, inspections, code enforcement, investigations, training, processing of variance applications, and review of rezone and conditional use applications.

PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE

Q. What is the purpose of the Walworth County Zoning Ordinance?

A. The Zoning Ordinance was established with the purpose of promoting the comfort, health, safety, prosperity, aesthetics, and general welfare of Walworth County and its communities.

Q. What structures require a zoning permit under the Zoning Ordinance?

A. Basically the Zoning Ordinances apply to all structures, land, water and air within the unincorporated areas of Walworth County, Wisconsin, including but not limited to:

Single Family Dwellings, multi-family dwellings, duplexes, additions, structural alterations, decks, porches, swimming pools, tennis courts, carports, accessory structures (garages, sheds, gazebos, etc), fences over 6' in height;

Agricultural barns, silos, storage buildings,

Commercial Structures, commercial additions, commercial alterations, commercial accessory structures, commercial fences, parking lots;

In the Shoreland areas structures such as retaining walls, stairways, patios, walkways, boathouses, tree cutting, any land disturbance;

Ponds, signage, telecommunication towers and antennas.