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Agricultural Buildings

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Zoning Approval is required

Please contact the Green County Zoning and Land Use Office for further information.
 Phone: (608) 328-9423
 Email: greenzone@tds.net
 Web: www.co.green.wi.gov/

Building & Trades Permit is required

Items needed for approval:

- Permit Application form completed.
- If not exempt from WCBC, appropriate plans.
- Copy of Green County Zoning and Land Use Permit.

Agricultural buildings as defined below¹ are exempt from the requirements of the Wisconsin Commercial Building Code (WCBC).

The code **does apply** to buildings for agricultural-related activities that involve animals or plant products that are not raised by the building owner or tenant, such as horse boarding stables, some farm markets, and commercial grain elevators. The code also applies to horse riding arenas because the activity is public horse-riding, not horse raising- (unless used solely for the purpose of the owner (farmer) training only animals they own or raise).

Regardless of exemption from the WECBC, the buildings are **not** exempt from any requirements as set forth in the electrical and plumbing codes.

¹ **WCBC Comm 61.02 - ANNOT.**

Note: Section 102.04 (3), Stats., as referenced in s. 101.01 (11), Stats., reads as follows: "As used in this chapter 'farming' means the operation of farm premises owned or rented by the operator. 'Farm premises' means areas used for operations herein set forth, but does not include other areas, greenhouses or other similar structures unless used principally for the production of food and farm plants. 'Farmer' means any person engaged in farming as defined. Operation of farm premises shall be deemed to be the planting and cultivating of the soil thereof; the raising and harvesting of agricultural, horticultural or arboricultural crops thereon; the raising, breeding, tending, training and management of livestock, bees, poultry, fur-bearing animals, wildlife or aquatic life, or their products, thereon; the processing, drying, packing, packaging, freezing, grading, storing, delivering to storage, to market or to a carrier for transportation to market, distributing directly to consumers or marketing any of the above-named commodities, substantially all of which have been planted or produced thereon; the clearing of such premises and the salvaging of timber and management and use of wood lots thereon, but not including logging, lumbering or wood cutting operations unless conducted as an accessory to other farming operations; the managing, conserving, improving and maintaining of such premises or the tools, equipment and improvements thereon and the exchange of labor, services or the exchange of use of equipment with other farmers in pursuing such activities. The operation for not to exceed 30 days during any calendar year, by any person deriving the person's principal income from farming, of farm machinery in performing farming services for other farmers for a consideration other than exchange of labor shall be deemed farming. Operation of such premises shall be deemed to include also any other activities commonly considered to be farming whether conducted on or off such premises by the farm operator."

Permit Fees

Permit Fees are as follows:

If exempt from WCBC

Structural (administrative)-	\$50.00
Electrical (administrative)-	add \$50.00
Plumbing-	add \$50.00
HVAC (administrative)-	add \$50.00

If not exempt, please contact inspector for fees.

Inspections

If building is exempt from WCBC, a Final Inspection to verify completion is needed when the building or structure is totally complete. If building is not exempt from WCBC, please contact inspector for a complete list of inspections.

Other Information

- Important changes in pressure treated woods have resulted in the requirements for specific fasteners, such as bolts, screws, etc. Not all pressure treated (green or brown) lumber is rated for ground contact. Foundation posts must be suitable for ground contact. Ask your lumber supplier for more information.
- Exterior materials and finishes must complement the exterior finish of the principle building on the lot.
- All wiring methods must comply with the current National Electric Code and Chapter Comm 16 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code.
- All plumbing installations must comply with the current Wisconsin Uniform Plumbing Code Chapters Comm 81 to Comm 84, and the installation supervised by a Wisconsin Licensed Master Plumber.
- The Wisconsin Administrative Codes may be downloaded from the Department of Commerce Safety and Buildings Website:
<http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/SB/SB-HomePage.html>



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