

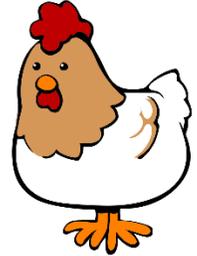
Dane County Zoning Guide for Domestic Fowl

Ch. 10-Zoning, Section [10.103\(10\)](#)

The keeping of up to 8 female chickens, ducks, or quail, collectively domestic fowl, is a permitted use on any single family residential lot in any zoning district in Dane County.

To ensure that the keeping of domestic fowl is done in a responsible manner that protects the public health, safety, and welfare and avoids conflicts with neighboring uses, Dane County Zoning enforces the following requirements:

- ✓ Roosters are prohibited.
- ✓ No slaughtering of domestic fowl shall occur on a residential property.
- ✓ Fowl must have access to a covered enclosure.
- ✓ Fowl may not roam free and must be kept in a covered enclosure or fenced enclosure at all times.
- ✓ Such enclosures must be clean, dry, and odor-free, and kept in a manner that will not disturb the use or enjoyment of adjacent lots.



Dane County Zoning permits are required prior to placing covered residential chicken enclosures on properties. The table below provides the requirements for such structures:

Standards for Domestic Fowl Covered Enclosure Permit	
Permit required	Yes
Zoning district	All Residential
Residence required	Yes
Location	Within Rear and/or Side Yards
Maximum size	120 square feet*
Maximum height	12 feet
Setback to any property line	4 feet
Setback to any adjoining lot's residential structure	25 feet
Setback to water of any lake, river, or stream	75 feet
Permit fee	\$15.00

*Larger enclosures may be permitted, but will be considered residential accessory buildings and permitted as such.

- The application form for a domestic fowl enclosure is provided on the second page of this handout. The application must be accompanied by a **site plan**, drawn to a measurable scale, which includes all lot lines, all existing structures, the location of the domestic fowl structure, and the **distance of the domestic fowl enclosure to the lot lines**.
- Application materials **may be emailed** to zoning@countyofdane.com. Please attach all materials to the email in PDF format. Alternatively, you may mail paper copies of zoning permit application materials to our office or drop off materials during office hours: Dane County Zoning, 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., RM 116, Madison, WI 53703. Fee payment may be made by mailing or dropping off a check (made payable to "Dane County Zoning"), or online by credit card. To pay by credit card please request a "Square" invoice (credit card payments include a convenience fee).



Dane County
Department of Planning and Development
Zoning Division
Room 116, City-County Building
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Madison, Wisconsin 53703
(608) 266-4266

Application Fee:
\$15
PERMIT FEES DOUBLE WHEN WORK HAS STARTED PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF PERMITS

DOMESTIC FOWL ZONING PERMIT APPLICATION

Property Owner Name:	Phone#
Mailing Address:	
Email Address:	

Agent Name:	Phone#
Mailing Address:	
Email Address:	

SITE INFORMATION

Project Description: Please provide a brief description of the project.	
Area (square feet):	Height (feet):
Site Address:	Town of:
Zoning District:	Distance to Neighbor's Residence (feet):
Check Applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Shoreland <input type="checkbox"/> Floodplain <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands	
Parcel #:	

GENERAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

<input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan Drawn to Scale	<input type="checkbox"/> Elevation Drawing	<input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Permit fee of \$15, cash or check made payable to Dane County Zoning
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1. I, the undersigned, hereby make application for a zoning permit only for the location and the work described herein and certify to the accuracy of that information. I further certify I am the property owner, or a duly authorized representative, and may sign this permit application on behalf of the owner(s) of said property, and I have read and understand all of the conditions of this permit and will construct the project in compliance with those conditions. I understand that failure to provide accurate information or to comply with any provisions of the permit renders it null and void and may result in an enforcement action.
2. I, the undersigned, hereby consent to the entry on the permitted premises by zoning inspectors of the Dane County Department of Planning & Development to determine compliance with the county's zoning ordinances. This consent is valid for the period commencing with issuance of this zoning permit and terminating with issuance of a certificate of compliance or until earlier revoked in writing by the owner of the property.

PRINT: Owner/Agent	DATE:
SIGNATURE: Owner/Agent	