

CHIPPEWA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ZONING

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2025 Rezone Application



Comprehensive zoning consists of written text (commonly referred to as the zoning ordinance) and an official zoning map. The zoning ordinance is a guideline for permitted and conditional uses, which are separated into zoning classifications or districts. The zoning map shows how a town board has designated the particular zoning classifications or districts to parcels of land within their particular jurisdiction. A **REZONE** is where a property owner or other authorized entity seeks to amend the official zoning map, which would allow a use that is currently not permitted on the parcels of land based on the existing zoning classification or district. This is referred to as a zoning map amendment or "rezoning". The requested rezoning change may not be granted if it does not fit with the comprehensive plan and community goals for the respective town and county.

SECTION I: Parcel Owner Information			SECTION II: Agent Information		
Name:			Name:		
Mailing Address:			Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:	City:	State:	Zip:
Telephone:			Telephone:		
Email Address (Required):			Email Address (Required):		
SECTION III: Parcel Information					
Town of:			Property Address:		
Parcel Number(s):			City:	State:	Zip:
Existing Zoning District(s):			Proposed Zoning District(s):		

GENERAL DIRECTIONS:

- Complete** this Application form and the required four (4) parts:
 - ☐ Part 1: General Questions related to the request
 - ☐ Part 2: Planning & Zoning Committee Schedule - 2025
 - ☐ Part 3: General Rezoning Process
 - ☐ Part 4: Applicant Acknowledgement/Signature
- Submit** the completed application, all required information and a **\$350.00** public hearing fee (Make check payable to: Chippewa County Treasurer) by the deadline (as listed in Part 2) to the Chippewa County Department of Planning & Zoning, Room 009, 711 N. Bridge Street, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin 54729.
- Make arrangements** to attend or have a representative attend any local town plan commission or town board meetings, and the required Planning & Zoning public hearing. This presence is needed so that questions can be answered and concerns addressed.

FOR DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ZONING STAFF USE:		
Receipt Number:	Appeal Number:	Public Hearing Date:

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Once a completed application is received, the Chippewa County Department of Planning & Zoning will prepare a public hearing notice for your administrative appeal. The public hearing notice will be posted to the Chippewa County Website and the County Clerks bulletin board. In addition, your neighbors, the Town Board and any applicable county or state agency(s) will also be notified. At the hearing, any party may appear in person or may be represented by an agent or attorney to present information to the Planning & Zoning Committee in opposition or support of your request.

PART 1: General Questions. Please use a separate 8.5" x 11" sheet to answer these questions.

- (A) As the applicant, do you have legal title to the parcel(s)? If you **do not** have legal title to the property, please have the property owner sign this application.
- (B) Identify the parcel(s) that are or will be part of this rezone request. If needed, an additional sheet listing those parcels can be attached.
- (C) Describe the present and, if known, any proposed improvements on each parcel of land.
- (D) Explain why you are requesting to rezone of each parcel. Please identify the proposed use of each parcel.
- (E) Explain the compatibility of your proposed use(s) with the existing use(s) on adjacent parcels and those in the vicinity of this parcel(s).
- (F) Discuss any additional issues you feel that supports the consistency of your proposed use with County ordinances and plans as well as any Town ordinances or plans.

Be prepared to give a detailed presentation when called upon at the public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Committee. Prepare an outline of your proposal, something similar to a "business plan", detailing for the Planning & Zoning Committee your proposal. Include any documentation you feel is necessary as part of your presentation in defining your proposal for the Committee and possibly the County Board. It is vital to your application to consult with professionals you feel may be able to assist with your application (i.e. surveyor, attorney, engineer, etc.)

PART 2: Planning & Zoning Committee Schedule - 2025

Applications will not be placed on the appropriate agenda unless they are properly completed and include **ALL** required supporting information or documents **and** payment of the public hearing fee. Applicants are encouraged to consult with staff of the Department of Planning & Zoning prior to the filing of the application. This is an important step to ensure that all pertinent issues are identified and to determine what information in addition to the application forms might be necessary in order for the department to accept and process your application. Please CIRCLE or HIGHLIGHT the meeting you intend on attending:

	2025 - Thursdays											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Applications Due @ 12:00 Noon	12-26	01-23	02-20	03-27	04-24	05-22	06-26	07-24	08-21	09-25	10-23	11-20
Public Hearing/Meeting (Thu)	01-23	02-20	03-20	04-24	05-22	06-19	07-24	08-21	09-18	10-23	11-20	12-18
County Board Meeting (Tues)	02-11	03-11	04-08	05-13	06-10	07-08	08-12	09-09	10-14	11-11	12-09	01-13

Note: Typically, the Planning & Zoning Committee meetings start at 5:00 PM on the designated dates above.

Note: No Committee meeting in April due to the Spring Election.

PART 3: General Rezoning Process:

- (A) The rezone application is filed with the Department of Planning & Zoning. This includes the legal description of the parcels to be rezoned, a written statement addressing the questions as listed in Part 1 and any other information your feel will aid in a decision on this request.
- (B) The Town Board will be notified of the rezone application. The Town Board can recommend approval or denial of a rezoning request. If the Town Board denies a rezone request, the Planning & Zoning Committee can only recommend an approval with modification to the rezone request or deny the rezone request.
- (C) The public hearing notice will be posted to the Chippewa County Website and the County Clerks bulletin board detailing the request and the date and time of the Public Hearing.

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- (D) Property owners of the land and those property owners within 400' (or maybe a greater distance) of the requested rezone change are notified directly by mail as well as the Town Board Chair and Town Clerk. The notice to the property owners will generally contain a portion of the public hearing notice and information pertaining to meetings to be held at the Town level (plan commission, town board, etc) as well as the Public Hearing in front of the Planning & Zoning Committee.
- (E) General maps (location map, aerial view and existing zoning districts map) will be prepared for the request by the Department.
- (F) A department staff report is prepared and sent to the Planning & Zoning Committee, while comments from the general public are solicited.
- (G) Following the Public Hearing, the Planning & Zoning Committee will make a motion to either approve, approve with modification or deny the rezoning request. If the rezone request receives an approval or approval with modification an ordinance amendment will be prepared and placed on the next County Board meeting agenda for their approval.
- (H) If the County Board approves the rezone and the town board files an objection to the approval, the town board will then have 45 days to veto the rezone request following the applicable state statutes.
- (I) If the rezone request receives County Board approval, the final step is the publication of the amendment in the Chippewa Herald. Once published, the zoning district amendment takes effect. The entire process from application deadline to final publication can take two months or more to complete depending upon the scheduling of hearing dates.

PART 4: Applicant Acknowledgement/Signature

This application must be signed by the property owner or in case of an agreement to purchase the property, a letter from the property owner acknowledging the potential buyer is seeking the rezone.

- I certify that the information I have provided in this application is true, accurate and complete.
- I or a representative will have an opportunity to present to the Planning & Zoning Committee information in favor of this request.
- I have the authority to allow the staff of the Department of Planning & Zoning and Planning & Zoning Committee member's access to the property to conduct necessary inspections related to this request.
- I understand that I cannot speak to any member of the Planning & Zoning Committee about this application, except at the public hearing.
- I understand that I cannot direct any written communication about this application to a member of the Planning & Zoning Committee, unless I also file a copy with the Department of Planning & Zoning and direct additional copies to each person who has registered an interest in this application.
- I also understand that if I or my representative fail to appear in front of the Planning & Zoning Committee during the designated public hearing or my failure to observe the above mentioned rules, my request may be **DENIED**.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Owner/Agent

PART 5: Planning & Zoning Department Mailing List

Applicant
Property Owner Owners within 400'
Planning & Zoning Committee Members
Town Board Chair & Clerk
County Board Supervisor
News Media
Wisconsin DNR
US Army Corp of Engineers
Wisconsin DOT