Petitioning for Zoning Amendment in Oconto County and the Town of Oconto Falls

Note: Petitioning to rezone property located in Oconto County and the Town of Oconto Falls requires prior review and recommendation from the Town of Oconto Falls. This local recommendation will be considered by the Oconto County Planning & Zoning Committee when deciding on the petition for zoning amendment. The steps to pursuing a petition for zoning amendment are as follows:

**Step 1**
Consult with Oconto County Planning & Zoning staff regarding your proposal to ensure compliance with the Oconto County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance.

**Step 2**
Contact Randy Schlorf (Town Plan Commission Chair) at 920.846.3410 at least 2 weeks prior to the next scheduled Plan Commission meeting and ask to be placed on the Plan Commission agenda. *(Refer to the back of this sheet for materials required by the Town.)*

**Step 3**
Attend the Plan Commission meeting usually held the 4th Tuesday of the month. *(The Town Plan Commission will make a recommendation to the Town Board regarding your rezone request.)*

**Step 4**
Please contact Gwen Holtz (Town Clerk) at 920.848.2546 the Friday prior to the 1st Monday of the month and ask to put on the Town Board Agenda. Attend the Town Board Meeting held the 2nd Monday of the month. *(The Town Board will review your petition for zoning amendment and make a recommendation. This recommendation is a required part of the Oconto County application petitioning for zoning amendment.)*

**Step 5**
File completed application petitioning for zoning amendment with the Oconto County Planning & Zoning Office. *(Refer to Oconto County Rezone Application Packet and Refer to Oconto County Rezone Petition Key Dates for application deadlines and public hearing dates.)*

**Step 6**
At the next scheduled Oconto County Planning & Zoning public hearing, which you or your agent will need to attend, the Planning & Zoning Committee will either recommend approval or disapproval of the petition for zoning amendment. This recommendation is then forwarded to the County Board for a final decision.

**Step 7**
The petition for zoning amendment will be placed on the agenda for the following County Board meeting usually held the 3rd Thursday following the first Monday of the month. At this meeting the Board will review the recommendation of the committee and make a final decision. The applicant may, but is not required to attend this meeting. If unable to attend, please feel free to contact the Planning & Zoning Office at 920.834.6827 the day after the Board meeting to inquire about the final decision. *(No additional testimony regarding the rezone request is permitted at the County Board Meeting. For more information on a denied rezone petition and pursuing re-submission, please refer to section 14.3400 of the Oconto County Zoning Ordinance.)*

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**Consult with Oconto County Planning & Zoning Staff**

**Town Plan Commission**

**Town Board**

**Petition filed with Oconto County Planning & Zoning Office**

**Oconto County Planning and Zoning Committee make recommendation to County Board**

**Oconto County Board (Final Decision)**
The Town of Oconto requires the following in order to be placed on the Plan Commission Agenda. Please have these materials ready prior to contacting the Town to be put on the Plan Commission Agenda (Step 2).

**Required Materials:**

- **Location Map** – (7 Copies) – This should show the property at a sufficient scale so as to show the property in relation to the Town of Oconto.

- **Zoning Map** – (7 Copies) – This map should show the zoning of the property and the adjoining parcels. This map should show the property at a sufficient scale; include aerial photography and zoning districts.

- **Preliminary Certified Survey Map or Plat** – (7 Copies) – When applicable the preliminary Certified Survey Map (CSM) or Plat should be submitted.

- **Town Recommendation Form** – (7 Copies) – The applicant should submit the Oconto County Town Recommendation form with all applicant and property information completed in a legible manner.

The location and zoning maps can be obtained online at: [http://ocmaps.co.oconto.wi.us/SOLO/](http://ocmaps.co.oconto.wi.us/SOLO/) or at either of the Planning & Zoning Office locations:

Oconto County Planning & Zoning  
301 Washington St.  
Oconto, WI 54153  
920.834.6827

Oconto County Planning & Zoning Northern Satellite Office  
17181 Twin Pines Road  
Lakewood, WI 54138  
715.276.6640

**Note:**
The applicant and/or agent is required to attend the Oconto Plan Commission meeting. Proposals where the applicant and/or agent is not in attendance may delay action by the Plan Commission until a subsequent monthly meeting.