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Short-Term Rental / Tourist Rooming House Zoning Application Procedures

Short-Term Rentals and Tourist Rooming Houses are a permitted use in the Residential, Agricultural, and the Neighborhood Commercial Zoning Districts in all Towns under Portage County Zoning. The following towns are under Portage County Zoning: Alban, Almond, Amherst, Belmont, Buena Vista, Carson, Dewey, Eau Pleine, Hull, Lanark, Linwood, New Hope, Plover, Sharon, and Stockton.

A Zoning Permit for a Short Term Rental and/or Tourist Rooming House can be obtained by filling out and submitting a Zoning Permit application to the Portage County Planning and Zoning Department. Zoning Permit applications can be found at www.co.portage.wi.us under the Planning and Zoning Department and the “How do I get a Zoning Permit” link or you can contact our office at (715) 346-1334.

Before a Portage County Zoning Permit can be issued for a short-term Rental and/or Tourist Rooming House, the following site plan review criteria must be reviewed and approved prior to issuance of the Zoning Permit.

- Road access
- Stormwater Control Plan and/or Construction Site Erosion Plan
- Parking and paving
- Landscaping and screening
- Lighting
- Proposed occupancy

Occupancy of a Short-term Rental and/or Tourist Rooming House may be limited by the private onsite wastewater treatment system. A private onsite wastewater treatment system may need to be inspected by a licensed individual, depending on the age, prior to the issuance of the Zoning Permit.