

Agricultural Structures Permit Requirements

An Agricultural Structure is a structure that is used exclusively for storage of agricultural goods or equipment or the housing of animals. The following information must be submitted to the Zoning Administrator before a building permit can be processed and approved.

A more detailed description of items 1-5 is listed below:

1. Agricultural Structure Permit
2. Survey or Site Plan (two copies)
3. Agricultural Structure Plans (as required by Zoning Administrator)
4. Septic System Compliance Certificate (if needed)
5. Feedlot Permit (may be needed if the structure houses animals)

1. **Agricultural Structure Permit:** Complete the attached form.
2. **Survey or Site Plan (two copies):** Provide an updated plan of the property showing all property lines, lakes, streams, rivers, bluffs, wetlands, road right of ways, wells, easements, septic tanks and drainfields, existing building location, dimensions and proposed setbacks.
3. **Agricultural Structure Plans:** Floor plan showing the length and width of building, interior walls, bathrooms, plumbing fixtures and write on the floor plan how each area will be used; hay storage; livestock, or farm implement storage, etc.

Elevation drawings of the front, rear, and sides of the finished building, include side wall height and height from peak to grade.

4. **Septic System Compliance Certificate:** A compliance certificate is required if the property is located in the Shoreland District. Septic Compliance Certificates must be completed by a licensed inspector or designer I. The building permit will not be issued until a septic system permit is approved.
5. **Feedlot Permit:** If the building houses livestock, a feedlot permit may be required.

Please contact the Zoning Administrator or Building Inspector if you have any questions.

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Athens

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PID: _____

Permit: _____

Athens Township c/o NAC
4150 Olson Memorial Hwy, Suite 320
Golden Valley, MN 55422
Phone: (763) 957 – 1100

Agricultural Structure Application

Fee based on valuation.

Site Information:

Address:	
Parcel ID:	
Zoning:	Acres: (at least 10 needed)
Note: If property is a metes and bounds description, attach a copy of exact legal.	

Applicant Information:

Name:			
Mailing Address:			
City/State/Zip:			
Email:		Phone:	
Description of Project and Use of Building:			
Valuation:		Total Square Feet/Dimensions:	
Shoreland District: ___ Yes ___ No			
Structure Use	Livestock: ___ Yes ___ No	Storage Only:	___ Yes ___ No
New Driveway ___ Yes ___ No	Driveway approved by Township, County, or State: ___ Yes ___ No		
General Contractor:		License #:	Phone:
<i>I hereby apply for a building permit and acknowledge that the information above and attached is complete and accurate, that the work will be in conformance with the ordinances and codes and with the Minnesota building codes, and that I understand that this is not a permit but only an application for a permit and work will not start without a permit. I acknowledge that if granted a building permit, the work will be in accordance with the approved plan.</i>			
Signature			Date:



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Contractor Information

Identify all general contractors and sub-contractors to be performing work on this project:

	Name	Phone	License No.
Architect or Engineer			
General			
Excavator			
Masonry			
Carpentry			
Roofing			
Insulation			
Sheetrock			
Plumbing			
Heating			
Septic			
Well Driller			
Electrical			

I, the undersigned, do hereby agree, in the case that a permit is granted, that all work shall be done and all materials that are used shall comply with the plans and specifications herewith submitted, and with all ordinances and building codes.

Signature of applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Planning/Zoning Reviewed by:		Date:
_____ Approved _____ Denied		
Setbacks Road ROW Centerline Rd Side Yard Rear Yard Lake/River Bluffline		
District:	Wetland Info:	
<i>Comments:</i>		
Building Official Review by:		Date:
_____ Approved _____ Denied		
Building Official Valuation:		
Use:	Occupancy:	
Type of Const:	Total sq ft:	
No. Stories:	Sprinkler Required: _____ Yes _____ No	Occ. Load:
<i>Comments:</i>		
Fees		
Ag Structure Fee:	_____	Issued by: _____
Land Use/Zoning Fee:	_____	
Septic System:	_____	Date: _____
Other:	_____	
Total:		

Site Plan:

Site plan shall show all existing structures, proposed structures, sewer systems, wells, and driveways. Include all distances from lot lines, roads, shoreline (if in the shoreland area) and the distance between buildings.

MINNESOTA STATE CONTRACTOR LICENSE LAW

Notice to Homeowners: Be Sure Your Contractor is Licensed

Know your Rights

The State of Minnesota recently adopted a statewide “*Contractor and Remodeler License Law.*” This law is designed to protect the consumer by requiring that contractors be licensed with the State. Contractors must apply to the State, post a bond, and show proof of insurance and competency. The law gives homeowners reasonable assurance that they are dealing with a reputable, professional contractor, and a place they can call to get general contractor information.

Getting Information on a Contractor

Contractors, with a few exceptions, who contract with a homeowner to perform home construction, remodeling, or repair, must be licensed with the Minnesota Department of Commerce. Homeowners can call the Commerce Department Licensing Division at 1-800-657-3602, 651-296-2488 or visit the web site @ www.commerce.state.mn.us to obtain information on a specific contractor. Contractors must display their license number on their advertising and they must make it available to consumers. Building permits cannot be granted to contractors who are not properly licensed by the state.

Exceptions to Being Licensed

State law exempts contractors who have gross annual receipts from the construction business of less than \$15,000.00. Also, exempt are specialty contractors who perform only one specialty skill.

Homeowner Rights if a Contractor is Not Licensed

If your contractor is required to be licensed by the State of Minnesota and you find that he/she is not, you may still have recourse under the law. Generally, the law provides that a contractor who is working in violation of the Minnesota State License Law has no lien rights and may not be able to enforce a contract signed with a homeowner. If you find yourself in this situation, you should consult with an attorney to get sound legal advice. You should never knowingly hire someone who is deliberately violating the State License Law.

Working on Your Own Home

You can obtain permits to do work on your own home. The License Law was written to insure a reasonable degree of protection for you as the consumer of construction services, not to discourage homeowners from doing work on their own property. For your safety, building permits are required for most construction projects.

***For more information on State Licensing, contact the
Minnesota Department of Commerce at 800/568-3602 or 651/296-2594***

PROPERTY OWNER WAIVER

MINNESOTA STATE CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

The purpose of this form is to have property owners acknowledge their responsibilities to the Minnesota State Building Code, to Zoning Ordinances, and to other applicable rules and regulations when they are acting as general contractor in building projects.

I understand that the State of Minnesota requires that all Residential Building Contractors, Remodelers, and Roofers, obtain a State License unless they qualify for a specific exemption from the licensing requirements. By signing this waiver, I attest to the fact that I am building or improving my property by myself. I claim to be exempt from the State License requirements because I am not in the business of building on speculation or for resale and this is the first residential structure that I have built or improved in the past 24 months.

I acknowledge that because I do not have a State License, I forfeit any mechanic's lien rights to which I may otherwise have been entitled under Minnesota State Statute 514.01.

I acknowledge that I may be hiring independent contractors to perform certain aspects of the construction or improvement of this property. Some of these contractors may be required to be licensed by the State of Minnesota. I understand that unlicensed residential contracting, remodeling, and/or roofing activity is a misdemeanor under Minnesota State Statute 326.92, subdivision 1, and that I forfeit my rights to reimbursement from the Contractor's Recovery Fund in the event that any contractors that I hire are unlicensed.

I also acknowledge that as the contractor on this project, I am solely and personally responsible for any violations of the State Building Code and/or jurisdictional Ordinance in connection with the work performed on this property.

Signature of Property Owner

Project Address

Date

Please return this signed waiver with the Building Permit Application.

To determine whether a particular contractor is required to be licensed, or to check on the licensing status of an individual contractor, call the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Enforcement Division at 651/296-2594, or toll-free at 1-800/657-3602.