



May 4, 2023

## Zoning Spring Update

Dear Towns of Marathon County,

With the construction season fast approaching and, in some cases, already upon us, Marathon County Conservation, Planning, and Zoning would like to update the Towns regarding some changes that have occurred since the 2022 construction season, and changes that may occur in the 2023 season.

The Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Ordinance update was approved by County Board of Supervisors on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, and is available on our [website](#)<sup>1</sup>. At this time, Wisconsin DNR is working to update the model ordinance for Shoreland, Shoreland-Wetland, and Floodplain (Chapter 22). Once those updates have been released to CPZ, they will be incorporated into Marathon County Chapter 22 and brought before the Environmental Resources Committee and County Board for approval.

Our department has been made aware of some confusion regarding the difference between a Building Permit and a Zoning Permit, and when each permit is required.

- A **Zoning Permit** is a permit that regulates specific uses that are permitted on a property as well as the location and height of various structures.
- A **Building Permit** is a permit that is issued and regulated by a State Certified Uniform Dwelling Code Inspector that is privately contracted by each town. The Building Inspector is responsible for the construction of the structure. A reference list of Marathon County Building Inspectors and their associated towns can be on the back of this letter.

In the best interest of the Town, County, and Local Building Inspectors, applicants of **ALL** proposed projects should make three calls to ensure all applicable development standards are met.

1. Town Representative
  - a. To see if project is affected by any local town ordinances.
2. Local Building Inspector (see backside for contacts)
  - a. To ensure proper UDC permitting is obtained.
3. Marathon County Conservation Planning and Zoning (Regardless of County Zoning Participation)
  - a. To verify if the property is in or near a shoreland, wetland, or floodplain area.
  - b. Ensure all General zoning standards are met (County Zoned Towns)

Thank you for your continued support to protect the health, safety, and prosperity of the citizens of Marathon County. For questions, please contact me at the information listed below or Shad Harvey at 715-261-6030.

Thank you for your cooperation,

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<sup>1</sup> <https://tinyurl.com/4xnb4j6y>

## Marathon County Building Inspectors 2023

### Bob Christiansen (715-297-6600):

- Bergen
- Berlin
- Bern
- Brighton
- Eau Pleine
- Frankfort
- Franzen
- Guenther
- Halsey
- Holton
- Hull
- Johnson
- McMillan
- Rib Falls
- Reitbrock
- Spencer

### Kevin Breit (715-693-1176):

- Bevent
- Cassel
- Cleveland
- Day
- Emmet
- Green Valley
- Knowlton
- Marathon
- Mosinee
- Reid
- Wausau
- Wein

### Michael Block (715-490-4069):

- Elderon
- Harrison
- Norrie
- Plover
- Ringle

### Northwinds Inspections-Darin Pagel (715-218-0822):

- Easton
- Hamburg
- Hewitt
- Stettin
- Texas

### Paul Kufahl (715-842-0983):

- Rib Mountain

### Scott Tatro (715-359-6114):

- Weston