This 2020 document is intended for reference only. Please contact Dane County Zoning Division (608) 266-4266 for specific ordinance language.

10.103(10) Dane County Zoning Guide for Domestic Fowl

The keeping of up to 8 female chickens, ducks, or quail, collectively domestic fowl, is a permitted use on any single family residential lot in any zoning district in Dane County.

To ensure that the keeping of domestic fowl is done in a responsible manner that protects the public health, safety, and welfare and avoids conflicts with neighboring uses, Dane County Zoning enforces the following requirements:

- ✓ Roosters are prohibited.
- ✓ No slaughtering of domestic fowl shall occur on a residential property.
- \checkmark Fowl must have access to a covered enclosure.
- ✓ Fowl may not roam free and must be kept in a covered enclosure or fenced enclosure at all times.



✓ Such enclosures must be clean, dry, and odor-free, and kept in a manner that will not disturb the use or enjoyment of adjacent lots.

Dane County Zoning permits are required prior to placing covered residential chicken enclosures on properties. The table below provides the requirements for such structures:

Standards for Domestic Fowl Covered Enclosure Permit			
Permit required	Yes		
Zoning district	All Residential		
Residence required	Yes		
Location	Within Rear and/or Side Yards		
Maximum size	120 square feet*		
Maximum height	12 feet		
Setback to any property line	4 feet		
Setback to any adjoining lot's residential structure	25 feet		
Setback to water of any lake, river, or stream	75 feet		
Permit fee	\$15.00		

*Larger enclosures may be permitted, but will be considered residential accessory buildings and permitted as such.

- The application form for a domestic fowl enclosure is provided on the second page of this handout. The application must be accompanied by a **site plan**, drawn to a measurable scale, which includes all lot lines, all existing structures, the location of the domestic fowl structure, and the distance of the domestic fowl enclosure to the lot lines. Accepted forms of payment include **cash or check** payable to Dane County Zoning.
- A zoning permit for a domestic fowl enclosure may be obtained by either coming into our office directly or by mailing in all appropriate information and fees to Dane County Planning and Development, Zoning Division, City County Building, Room 116, 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Madison, WI 53703. Please call our office at (608) 266-4266 with any questions.



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PERMIT FEES DOUBLE WHEN WORK HAS STARTED PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF PERMITS

DOMESTIC FOWL ZONING PERMIT APPLICATION

Property Owner Name:		Phone#		
Mailing Address:				
Email Address:				
Agent Name:		Phone#		
Mailing Address:				
Email Address:				
SITE INFORMATION				
Project Description: Please provide a brief description of the project.				
<u>Area (square feet):</u>	<u>Height (feet):</u>			
Site Address:	Town o	f:		
Zoning District: Dista	ance to Neighbor's Residence (f	eet):		
Check Applicable:				
Parcel #:				

GENERAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

□ Site Plan Drawn to Scale	□ Elevation Drawing	□ Zoning Permit fee of \$15, cash or check made payable to Dane County Zoning
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- 1. I, the undersigned, hereby make application for a zoning permit only for the location and the work described herein and certify to the accuracy of that information. I further certify I am the property owner, or a duly authorized representative, and may sign this permit application on behalf of the owner(s) of said property, and I have read and understand all of the conditions of this permit and will construct the project in compliance with those conditions. I understand that failure to provide accurate information or to comply with any provisions of the permit renders it null and void and may result in an enforcement action.
- 2. I, the undersigned, hereby consent to the entry on the permitted premises by zoning inspectors of the Dane County Department of Planning & Development to determine compliance with the county's zoning ordinances. This consent is valid for the period commencing with issuance of this zoning permit and terminating with issuance of a certificate of compliance or until earlier revoked in writing by the owner of the property.

PRINT: Owner/Agent	DATE:
SIGNATURE: Owner/Agent	