

## GENERAL INFORMATION

A Town of Rhine Application Package for a Rezone or Conditional Use Permit is available at the Town of Rhine Town Hall at W5250 County Road FF, Elkhart Lake, WI 53020, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11:30 am – 4:30 pm. The applications are also available on the Town’s website at townrhine.com.

The Application Package consists of the General Information sheet, a Rezoning Permit or a Conditional Use Permit application, a two (2) page Helpful Resources listing, and a Sheboygan County Certified Survey Map Checklist.

It is the applicant’s responsibility to:

- 1.) Review the Municipal Code of the Town of Rhine which can be found on the Town’s website at townrhine.com. or at the Town Hall at W5250 County Road FF, Elkhart Lake, WI 53020. The Land Use map is also located at the Town Hall.
- 2.) Determine what other town, county, state and/or federal regulations (ex: building codes, shoreland zoning, county sanitary or subdivision requirements) might apply to a proposed use or developments, and for obtaining any necessary approvals or permits.
- 3.) Ensure the application is complete before submitting to the Town Clerk. An incomplete application may require additional review time and/or fees.
- 4.) Submit all fees at time of application. Fees are non-refundable.

## PERMIT PROCEDURE

The entire process takes anywhere from 60 to 90 days to complete.

**Step One:** Applicant submits a completed application and fees to the Town Clerk. As a general rule, the application must be received by the Town Clerk four (4) weeks prior to the Plan Commission meeting.

**Step Two:** The application is reviewed for completeness. If the application is incomplete the applicant will be notified and is required to submit the additional information before any further action will be taken. Once all necessary information is submitted the process can move forward.

**Step Three:** The application will be forwarded to the Plan Commission for a public hearing. Plan Commission meetings are held at the Town of Rhine Town Hall, W5250 County Road FF, Elkhart Lake, WI 53020.

**Step Four:** A notice of public hearing must be published not less than fifteen (15) days before the public hearing. The applicant and the applicant’s neighbors will receive a notice of public hearing in the mail. The applicant is expected to attend the public hearing.

**Step Five:** The public hearing occurs at the Plan Commission meeting. The Plan Commission, as a fact finding body, will make a recommendation of the proposed rezoning or conditional use permit to the Board of Supervisors.

**Step Six:** The application will go on for approval to the Board of Supervisors. Based on the input received at the public hearing and the Plan Commission’s recommendation, the Board of Supervisors will approve, deny, or modify the rezoning or conditional use permit request. The final action will take place at the Board of Supervisors monthly meeting which is held the first Tuesday of the month, at the Town of Rhine Town Hall, W5250 County Road FF, Elkhart Lake, WI 53020.

**INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES FOR ZONING MAP CHANGES FOR THE  
PLAN COMMISSIONERS, SUPERVISORS, CLERK AND APPLICANTS.**

Any public agency or interested person may make a written request to the Plan Commission and/or Town Board for an amendment to the map of the Zoning Ordinance.

**A. Zoning Changes to the Map**

The overall consideration is whether the rezoning request is reasonable under the existing circumstance.

When considering a rezone, the Plan Commission/Town Board of Supervisors will review such applications in terms of their meeting the following considerations:

1. That a mistake was made originally when the property was zoned to the present district.
2. That conditions have changed in the area generally, or the town as a whole, which would justify the rezoning.
3. There is convincing demonstration that all uses permitted under the proposed district would be in general public's interest and not merely in the interest of an individual or small group.
4. There is convincing demonstration that all uses permitted under the proposed district would be appropriate in the area included in the proposed change.
5. There is convincing demonstration that the character of the area or neighborhood will not be adversely affected by any use permitted in the proposed district change.
6. The proposed change is in accord with the Comprehensive Plan and sound planning principles.
7. The proposed zoning change is consistent with the zoning plans of adjacent governmental units.
8. Other justifiable reasons the Plan Commission/Town Board of Supervisors may find pertinent in considering the particular zone change.

# TOWN OF RHINE REZONING APPLICATION

<b>Office Use Only</b>	
Date Received:	_____
Fee: \$_____ Rcpt.#_____	
Fee Received By:	_____
<i>Revised 10/23</i>	

Completed application, attachments, and fees must be submitted a minimum of 45 days prior to Plan Commission meeting.

## REQUEST

I hereby request the Town Rhine Board of Supervisors to amend the zoning district as follows on the parcel described herein:

\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Acres to be rezoned Existing Zoning District Proposed Zoning District

Has a previous petition been filed?  No  Yes Date \_\_\_\_\_

(If a previous petition has been denied, state fully on a separate sheet of paper what change in the parcel or plans would warrant reconsideration.)

## FEE

Please reference current fee schedule. Application Fee: \_\_\_\_\_ (payable to: Town of Rhine)

## OWNER/APPLICANT

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant (if not owner): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## SUBJECT PROPERTY

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Parcel No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Zoning: \_\_\_\_\_

## QUESTIONNAIRE (use additional sheets of paper as necessary)

Legal description of the existing property to be Re-Zoned: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Detailed description of proposed property use: \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE**

**NOTE:** The Town of Rhine acts on matters as requested and within its jurisdiction, such as zoning, building, land division, and driveway permits. **Applicants are responsible for determining what other town, county, state and/or federal regulations (ex: building codes, shoreland zoning, county sanitary or subdivision requirements) might apply to a proposed use or developments, and for obtaining any necessary approvals or permits.**

I/We hereby certify that all the above statements and attachments hereto are true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge and belief.

I/We consent to the entry in or upon the premises described in this application by any authorized official of the Town of Rhine.

_____	_____
Owner/Applicant Signature	Date
_____	_____
Owner/Applicant Signature	Date
_____	_____
Town of Rhine Chairman, Signature of Approval	Date

**REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS FOR APPLICATION**

Exclusion of information may postpone meeting with Plan Commission and may require additional fees.

**Seven (7) copies of everything are required.**

Scaled overview of current property to include. Please mark included or not applicable (N/A).

1. Site plan showing **existing** dimensions of lot, setbacks, driveways, and buildings. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Site plan showing **proposed** dimensions of lot, setbacks, driveways, and buildings. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Identification of wetlands (if any). \_\_\_\_\_
4. Identification of easements (if any). \_\_\_\_\_
5. Current covenants pertaining to the parcel (if any). \_\_\_\_\_
6. Any current permits pertaining to the parcel (Town, County, or State). \_\_\_\_\_
7. Zoning of adjacent properties. \_\_\_\_\_

A certified survey (CSM) will be required after the Town Board of Supervisors approval for Town Board Chairman to sign.

# HELPFUL RESOURCES

## **TOWN OF RHINE WEBSITE:** [townrhine.com](http://townrhine.com)

Click “Government” then “Municipal Codes and Ordinances.”  
The Plan Commission uses Chapter 4 – Zoning.

## **HOW TO FIND YOUR PARCEL NUMBER:** Parcel number will be on your tax bill or go to [sheboygancounty.com](http://sheboygancounty.com).

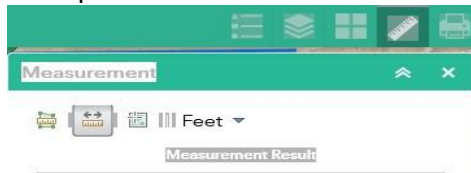
Click, blue tile: “Land Records.”  
Click “Sheboygan County Land Records – Click Here to Search.”  
Sheboygan County Land Records Web Portal Page: Login using the login user name and password provided on the Web Portal page (upper left).  
Browser requirements: Scroll down and click “I Accept.”  
Input your name and/or address and click “Search for Properties.”

## **HOW TO FIND A MAP OF YOUR PARCEL:** Website: [sheboygancounty.com](http://sheboygancounty.com)

Click “Land Records.”  
Scroll down and click the GIS Web Apps tile.  
On the GIS Web Apps Gallery, First tile in the first row, County I-map, Click “Explore.”  
Sheboygan County I-Map, click “OK.”  
Input your parcel number or address.

There are tool icons listed along the bottom of the page so you can print, measure, and draw.

Example: Use measurement icon and set measurements in feet.



## **HOW TO FIND YOUR PARCEL ZONING INFORMATION:** Go to [sheboygancounty.com](http://sheboygancounty.com).

Click “Land Records.”  
Scroll down and click the GIS Web Apps tile.  
On the GIS Web Apps Gallery, find - County Zoning Map tile, Click “Explore.”  
Type in the Parcel Number (found on your tax bill or by following the above directions).  
Parcel information will display, in the blue colored strip, click the arrow to go to the second page.  
Your Zoning information will display.

## **DON'T HAVE A COMPUTER TO USE? Free access at:**

ELKHART LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
40 Pine St., Elkhart Lake, WI 53020  
Please contact for hours of operation.  
Phone: (920) 876-2554

PLYMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY  
130 Division St., Plymouth, WI 53073  
Please contact for hours of operation.  
Phone: (920) 892-4416

Printing and copies may be available at a small charge.

## **REGISTER OF DEEDS**

Administration Bldg. Room 218  
508 New York Avenue, Sheboygan, WI 53081  
(920) 459-3023

The Register of Deeds office is the primary source of legal documents, which affect virtually every individual living in Sheboygan County. This includes personal and real estate ownership and encumbrance records in addition to financing instruments that are the basis of individual and business credit ratings.

## **PLANNING AND CONSERVATION DEPT. (920) 459-3060**

It is recommended to check with the County for additional requirements including shoreland ordinances. The SHEBOYGAN COUNTY CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP CHECKLIST is included in this packet.

## **DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

It is recommended to check with the DNR if your property contains wetlands or is in a lake district.  
Kathleen Kramasz – Phone: (920) 893-8531 Email: [Kathleen.Kramasz@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Kathleen.Kramasz@wisconsin.gov)

## **BUILDING INSPECTOR FOR THE TOWN OF RHINE**

Tony (Doc) Leonard - Cell: (262) 364-9597 for questions.  
For Inspections Only please call (262) 420-4732  
The building inspector's hours are by Appointment ONLY.

## **TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Ron Platz – Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
Phone: (920) 390-0332  
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## SHEBOYGAN COUNTY CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP CHECKLIST

- Consult with the Sheboygan County Planning & Conservation Department to confirm that a Certified Survey Map (CSM) is required (the Department can be reached at 920-459-3060 or plancon@sheboygancounty.com).
- Retain a professional land surveyor registered in the State of Wisconsin to draft the CSM.
- Submit an un-signed copy of the CSM to the Department, either in-person or via email. The owner's agent or surveyor may submit it as well.
- The owner can begin the process of obtaining all other necessary approvals, discussed below, simultaneously with submission of the copy to the County.
- The Department will contact the surveyor with any mechanical changes needed to the CSM. It is recommended that the owner does not have the other approving agencies officially sign the CSM until after the surveyor has made any required changes requested by the Department, if applicable.
- Within thirty days of submittal to the Department, the owner will receive a letter from the Department indicating that the CSM has been approved, conditionally approved, or denied. The letter will explain what other information, if any, is needed from the owner before the CSM can be approved.
- Once the Department receives all of the information from the surveyor and owner, if applicable, the Department will contact the owner via phone or email to inform him or her that the CSM is ready for Department approval. At this point, the owner should obtain all applicable signatures. This may require contacting the appropriate municipality(ies) to be placed on the Town Board, Council, or Plan Commission agenda.
  - Obtain signatures of Town Board approval for the Town in which the land division is taking place.
  - If another municipality has extraterritorial jurisdiction, obtain its signature of approval. The surveyor is able to determine whether this is applicable.
  - Obtain a signature of approval from the mortgage company if the dedication of any land or right-of-way is taking place. The surveyor is able to determine whether this is applicable.
  - All owners must sign the CSM. The surveyor can be contacted to ensure the correct signature lines are shown and in the proper format, particularly in the case of corporations, trusts, or where there are multiple owners.
    - The owner(s) must sign specific to the type of ownership interest he or she has in the property. For instance, if held in a trust, the owner must write "Trustee" after his or her signature. The owner can reference the manner in which he or she signed the most recent deed for the property to ensure the CSM is signed the same way.
  - The surveyor must sign and stamp all pages of the CSM.
- The owner should then contact the Department to arrange a time to bring the final copy of the CSM to the Planning & Conservation Department for its signature. Alternatively, the owner can drop off the final copy of the CSM to the Department, and staff will notify the owner once it has been signed.
- At the time that the CSM is picked up by the owner or owner's agent, a \$265 review fee made payable to the Sheboygan County Treasurer is due.
  - The owner should contact the Town prior to seeking its approval to ensure compliance with local zoning requirements.
  - New lots require a minimum of 66 feet of frontage on a public roadway per the County Subdivision Ordinance (the Town may require more).
  - A septic inspection and report are required within one year prior to approval of the CSM for all existing systems.
  - If soil testing is not being performed on new, vacant lots, the surveyor must place a soils covenant on the map.
  - Certain minimum lot widths, sizes, etc. apply if the lots fall within the shoreland or floodplain jurisdictional boundaries of the County. The surveyor can determine whether this is applicable.
  - The CSM must be recorded within 36 months of the date of the first signature or 12 months of the date of the last signature.
  - The owner(s) of the property being divided must sign the CSM, but an agent on his or her behalf can perform all of the other steps in the process.
  - The County will not sign the CSM until all other signatures have been obtained.