



PLANNING & ZONING OFFICE



Stevens County most recently adopted amendments to the County Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance). Although the previous Ordinance language required a land use or zoning permit for any structure erected, moved-in or structurally altered, agricultural buildings were exempt from requiring a permit. This has changed and **agricultural buildings now require a permit**. The newly adopted Ordinance language states:

“No person shall erect, add on to, or move any building with a permanent footing greater than two hundred forty (240) square feet in its ground coverage, or part thereof without first securing a land use permit. All buildings, whether they required a permit or not, shall meet all setbacks or other requirements of the Ordinance”.

Permitting ensures buildings are constructed in the appropriate zoning district and setbacks from the road, side yard and rear yard property lines are met. It also aids the County Assessor’s Office in tracking new construction.

The County has zoning jurisdiction in all townships except Hodges and Swan Lake, and all incorporated city limits. If building construction is planned in either of these townships or cities, please contact them directly for permitting questions. All other permit questions should be directed to the Environmental Services/Planning & Zoning Office.

For more information visit the Stevens County website at: <http://www.co.stevens.mn.us/1116/Planning-Zoning> or contact the Environmental Services/Planning & Zoning Office at 320-208-6558 or by email at billkleindl@co.stevens.mn.us.