

Town of Black Wolf Building Permits/Registrations

A couple years ago, the Town of Black Wolf adopted a new building inspection process for new construction, additions or alterations of property improvements.

For **new construction**, a zoning permit as well as a building permit is **required** before work begins. It is the responsibility of the property owner (or contractor representing the owner) to obtain these permits. Building inspections will occur regularly to ensure compliance with the Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code (UDC).

For **additions or alterations** owners **must** obtain and fill out a registration form that, among other things, identifies the owners and property where the work is to be done, the scope of the project, the estimated cost, the contractors who will perform the work, and their Wisconsin license information. In the case of “do it yourself (DIY)” projects, a registration form is still required to be filed with the town. Building inspections will not occur as all work is the responsibility of the homeowner to comply with WI UDC.

To reiterate, in either of these cases, it is important to remember that to maintain safe and reliable construction methods are used, the Wisconsin UDC must be followed.

The WI Uniform Dwelling Code can be found under WI Chapter SPS 320 – 325. The town encourages everyone who is planning a construction project in the future, to become familiar with these regulations to inform you about the state requirements for these activities. Knowing these regulations, can be helpful when deciding on who to choose as your contractor, or what you need to do if the work is a DIY project.

Keep in mind, the town is under no statutory obligation to provide inspection services for additions or alterations. Doing an addition or alteration project right, not cutting corners, and complying with WI’s UDC is the sole responsibility of the property owner. Furthermore, should a property owner choose to “spruce up” a property with the intent of selling it, a prospective buyer most certainly will want to know that a property is fully “up to code” and that no hidden dangers are present.

The peace of mind everyone seeks when buying or selling a property is priceless!

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