

# Zoning Permit Frequently Asked Questions

## DUPAGE COUNTY REGULATORY SERVICES DIVISION

### Frequently asked questions regarding Zoning regulations for the UNINCORPORATED areas of DuPage County

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**What is my property zoned?**

To find out the zoning district for your property, call Zoning at 630.407.6700.

**Do I need a permit?**

Virtually every improvement on a residential lot requires some sort of permit – fences, decks, swimming pools (above ground and in-ground), garages, sheds, stables, short wave antennas, patios, terraces, retaining walls, digging or filling on a pond, etc. If in doubt about a particular improvement, call the Regulatory Services Division at 630.407.6700.

**What about junk and debris on my neighbor’s lot?**

Junk and debris and derelict vehicles are not allowed on residential properties. A complaint can be reported by contacting Regulatory Services at 630-407-6700.

**How many cars can I have on my property?**

No more than six (6) vehicles are allowed on a residential lot, either parked within a garage or not.

**Can I park my commercial vehicle on my lot?**

One vehicle that is used for commercial purposes that is also owned by the owner of the lot and that is a First Division vehicle as defined by the Illinois Vehicle Code is allowed on a lot. Please contact the zoning staff at 630-407-6700 for further assistance.

**Where can I park my recreational vehicle?**

Recreational vehicles, including trailers used to haul recreational equipment, must be parked on a hard surface (i.e. on pavement or on blocks) within the zoning setbacks and must be behind the front wall of the house. Please contact the zoning staff at 630-407-6700 for further assistance.

**How many recreational vehicles can I have on my lot?**

A space that is 5% of the lot size or 500 sq. ft. whichever is less is the maximum space allotted for the parking of recreational vehicles on a lot.

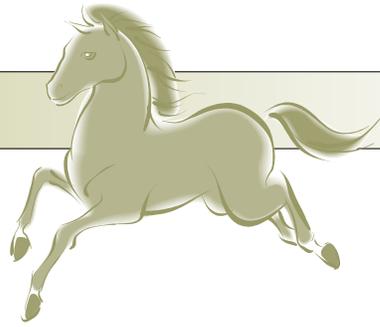
**I want to build a detached garage (or shed), how large can it be?**

A Lot of 40,000 sq. ft. or less in size, the maximum allowable shed in all single family zones:

- 650 sq. ft.
- Bonus: If there is no attached garage add up to an additional 200 sq. ft.

A Lot over 40,000 sq. ft. in size, the maximum allowable shed in all single family zones:

- Allowance: Multiply .01625 X size of property. Maximum cannot exceed 2,600 sq. ft.
- Bonus: If there is no attached garage add up to an additional 200 sq. ft.



**Can I have a horse on my property?**

Horses are allowed on properties that are 40,000 sq. ft. or greater. 40,000 sq. ft. is required for the first horse, and an additional 20,000 sq. ft. is required for each additional horse.

**How large of a stable and pasture area can I have?**

Please contact the zoning staff at 630-407-6700 for the stable and pasture area requirements.

**What kind of fence can I build and where can I put it?**

Fences are allowed to be three (3) inches off of any property line. The finished, or “good” side of the fence must face outwards. Within the front yard setback (most properties in unincorporated DuPage have a front yard setback of 30 ft.), fences are required to be no taller than 4 ft. and open (i.e. you can see through it). On corner lots, any portion of a fence that is less than 10 ft. from the corner property line must also be 4 ft. tall and open. Elsewhere on the property (i.e. along the sides and rear), fences can go up to 6 ft. tall and can be completely enclosed (i.e. you cannot see through it). Please contact the zoning staff at 630-407-6700 for further assistance.

**Can I run a business in my home?**

Please contact the zoning staff at 630-407-6700.

**Can I take care of other children in my home?**

Please contact the zoning staff at 630-407-6700.

**My neighbor is filling part of their property with dirt which may cause water to pond on my property. What can I do about it?**

A complaint can be reported by contacting Regulatory Services at 630-407-6700.

**Can I burn grass clippings and leaves?**

Landscape waste, including grass clippings and leaves are not allowed to be burned in the unincorporated areas. Only clean and dry firewood is allowed to be burned. Please contact the environmental specialist staff at 630-407-6700 for further information.

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