

## **GUEST CABINS AND BUNKHOUSES**

### **Sec. 38-610. - Guest cabins.**

- (1) Guest cabins are authorized as a permitted use in residential, residential mobile, residential recreational one and two, residential agriculture, agriculture, forestry and residential shorelands zoning districts.
- (2) Guest cabins are intended to be used for overflow guest accommodations etc., and are accessory to the principal structure. A parcel must contain a principal dwelling before a guest cabin can be authorized.
- (3) Guest cabins shall be subject to all provisions of the Wisconsin State Uniform Dwelling Code, as appropriate.
- (4) One guest cabin shall be allowed per lot (lots in contiguous ownership shall be considered one lot for purposes of this use).
- (5) All applicable setbacks shall be maintained.
- (6) Reserved.
- (7) Guest cabins shall not exceed the following size limitations:
  - (a) Free-standing guest cabins shall be one story and shall not exceed 400 square feet in floor area.
  - (b) Guest cabins that are within an accessory structure (e.g., pole shed) shall be limited to 50 percent of the structure floor area, or 400 square feet, whichever is lesser.
  - (c) Guest cabins utilizing the loft space (scissor truss type construction) above a garage may be the full floor area size of the garage building footprint; however, a garage may not contain two full stories to create bunkhouse space. No external knee walls shall be allowed above the first story. Dormer windows are allowable.
- (8) Guest cabins containing plumbing shall be subject to the requirements of Wis. Stats. ch. 145, DSPS 383 Wis. Admin. Code and chapter 74, Washburn County Code.
- (9) When a previously permitted accessory structure is converted to a guest cabin, the size limitations noted in [section] 38-610(7) do apply and a "change of use" permit must be obtained from the zoning office.
- (10) Guest cabins are subject to internal inspection by the zoning department.  
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### **Sec. 38-611. - Bunkhouses.**

- (1) Bunkhouses are authorized as a permitted use in residential, residential mobile, residential recreational one and two, residential agriculture, agriculture, forestry and residential shorelands zoning districts.
- (2) Bunkhouses are intended to be used for overflow sleeping only and are accessory to the principal structure. A parcel must contain a principal dwelling before a bunkhouse can be authorized.
- (3) Bunkhouses shall be subject to all provisions of the Wisconsin State Uniform Dwelling Code, as appropriate.
- (4) One bunkhouse shall be allowed per lot (lots in contiguous ownership shall be considered one lot for purposes of this use).
- (5) All applicable setbacks shall be maintained.
- (6) A bunkhouse shall not contain any plumbing.
- (7) Bunkhouses shall not exceed 400 square feet in floor area and must be free standing. Bunkhouses shall be limited to one story.
- (8) A bunkhouse shall not be located within an existing structure (i.e., pole shed, garage).
- (9) Bunkhouses are subject to internal inspection by the zoning department.