

Chapter 508 Zoning Districts, Zoning Map and Uses

508.01 Division into Districts

The unincorporated areas of Rice County are hereby divided into the following zoning districts:

- A Agricultural District
- UR Urban Reserve District
- RR Rural Residential District
- VMU Village Mixed-Use District
- HC Highway Commercial District
- LI Limited Industrial District
- GDS General Development Shoreland Districts
- RDS Recreational Development Shoreland Districts
- NES Natural Environment Shoreland Districts
- F Flood Plain Overlay District
- WS Wild and Scenic River District

508.02 Consistency with Comprehensive Plan

The zoning districts and uses in this Chapter and the delineation of zoning district boundaries on the zoning map are consistent with the goals, policies and objectives of the Rice County Comprehensive Plan.

508.03 Zoning Map

The location and boundaries of the districts established by this Ordinance are set forth on the Zoning Map, which is hereby incorporated as part of this Ordinance.

- A. Corrections and updates shall be recorded on such maps by the Planning Director within thirty (30) days after the official adoption of the zoning amendment by the Rice County Board.
- B. The Flood Plain Districts are based on the data contained within the Flood Insurance Study for Rice County prepared by the Federal Insurance Administration and the Flood Insurance Rate Maps on file in the office of the County Zoning Administrator. The Flood Insurance Study and the most recent Flood Insurance Rate Maps provided by the Federal Government are hereby adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this Ordinance.
- C. The Wild and Scenic River Districts are taken from the Cannon River Management Maps dated January 11, 1980 and produced as part of the Cannon River Management Study and final rule (Minn. Rules, Part 6105.1680) and these maps are hereby incorporated by reference.
- D. The official Zoning Map shall be signed by the Chair of the Board and a certified copy filed by the Auditor with the County Recorder.
- E. Any unauthorized change of a zoning boundary or designation by any person or persons shall be considered a violation of this Ordinance.

508.04 District Boundaries

Where uncertainty exists as to the boundaries of districts as shown on the Official Zoning Map, the following rules shall apply:

- A. Boundaries indicated as approximately following the centerlines of streets, rivers, highways or alleys, shall be construed to follow such center lines.

- B. Boundaries indicated as approximately following platted lot lines shall be construed as following such lot lines.
- C. Boundaries indicated as approximately following established municipal limits and County borders shall be construed as following such lines.
- D. Boundaries indicated as following railroad lines shall be construed to be midway between the main tracks.
- E. Boundaries indicated as approximately following sections, half sections, quarter sections, eighth sections and government lots shall be construed to follow such lines.
- F. Where physical features, such as flood plains, are at variance with those shown on the Official Zoning Map, or in other circumstances not covered by Subdivisions A through E above, the Zoning Administrator shall interpret the district boundary.

508.05 Permitted and Conditional Uses

The following table establishes the uses in the zoning districts within Rice County. For the purposes of the table:

- A. **Permitted uses.** Uses specified with a “P” are permitted as of right in the district or districts where designated, provided that the use complies with all other applicable provisions of this Ordinance.
- B. **Conditional uses.** Uses specified with a “C” are allowed as a conditional use in the district or districts where designated.
- C. **Prohibited uses.** Any use not listed as either “P” (permitted) or “C” (conditional) in a particular district shall be prohibited in that district.
- D. **Specific development standards.** Any use where an “X” is indicated in the column headed by “Stds” must conform to specific development standards that are contained in Chapter 507. Specific development standards apply in addition to the general criteria for conditional uses in §503.05, and all other applicable regulations.

Table 508-1 Permitted and Conditional Uses

A. Residential and Related Uses	GDS	RDS	NES	WS	A	UR	RR	VMU	HC	LI	Stds
Single-family detached dwelling	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P*	P*	X
Single-family attached dwelling	P	P	P		P			P			X
Shoreland Residential Cooperative	P*	P*	P*								
Multifamily dwelling	P	P	P		P			C			X
Mixed-use building (commercial, residential, office)								C			X
Facility for supervised residential program (up to 6 residents; 6 or more is a conditional use)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			X
B. Agricultural and Related Uses	GDS	RDS	NES	WS	A	UR	RR	VMU	HC	LI	Stds
Farm buildings	P	P	P	P	P	P			P*	P*	
Agricultural Use –excluding feedlots	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	X
Feedlot, animal manure composing site, aquaculture	If compliant with the Rice County Feedlot Ordinance										
Agriculturally-oriented business					C	C		C		C	X

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X = Standards apply, see specific use in Chapter 507 Specific Development Standards

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C. Commercial Recreation	GDS	RDS	NES	WS	A	UR	RR	VMU	HC	LI	Stds
Campground, private	C	C			C	C					X
Flying field for radio-controlled aircraft					C						X
Go-cart track, miniature golf						C		C			X
Golf course, country club, driving range					C	C					X
Archery range, outdoor					C	C					
Gun range, outdoor					C						X
Gun or archery range, indoor					C					C	X
Hunting club, private					C						X
Organized motor sports: ATVs, trucks, tractors or motorcycle tracks or trails (not including auto or other vehicle racing, tracks or events)					C	C					X
Paint ball course					C	C					X
Riding and boarding stable					C	C					X
Ski slope, snowboarding, tubing or sledding hills; private					C	C					X
Water-oriented commercial recreation	C	C									X
D. Civic, Educational, & Institutional	GDS	RDS	NES	WS	A	UR	RR	VMU	HC	LI	Stds
Day care center								P	C		X
Religious institution					C	C	C	C			X
Campground, public	C	C			C	C					X
Cemetery					C	C	C	C			
School, public or private						C		C			X
Public Recreational Areas	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
E. Commercial & Industrial	GDS	RDS	NES	WS	A	UR	RR	VMU	HC	LI	Stds
Adult entertainment										P	X
Agricultural based therapeutic service uses					C						X
Art, photography, crafts galleries, studios								P			
Auto & recreational equipment & vehicles; sales & repair								C		C	X
Auto service station								C	C	C	X
Auto parts sales, indoor only								C		C	
Auto repair, auto body repair						C*		C		C	X
Bakery								P			
Barber or beauty shop								P			
Bed and breakfast facility					C	C		P			X
Cabinet, carpentry shops					C	C	C**	C		C	
Car wash, freestanding or accessory								C		C	X
Construction material sales primarily within a building								C	C	C	
Contractor's office					C	C		P	C	C	

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E. Commercial & Industrial, cont.	GDS	RDS	NES	WS	A	UR	RR	VMU	HC	LI	Stds
Contractor's yard with outdoor storage					C	C		C		C	X
Convenience fuel and goods						C**		C	C	C	X
Corporate office headquarters									P		
Demolition Landfill					C	C					
Extraction or excavation of materials & minerals	C	C	C	C	C	C			C		X
Flea market or auction site, permanent					C	C		C			X
Indoor school bus storage					C						
Kennel, commercial					C	C					X
Laundries, laundromat, dry cleaning								C		C	
Limited manufacturing, including light assembly and packing								C	C	C	X
Lumber yards								C	P		
Medical, dental or other health care offices, clinics								P	C		
Motels, hotels								C	C		X
Offices, professional								P	P	P	
Printing & publishing								C	C	P	X
Railroad switching yards and repair spurs					P	P				P	
Recycling or composting facilities, landfills, soil reclamation, County, municipal or institutional				C*	C	C				C	X
Restaurants, cafes						C**		P	C	C	X
Retail sales, general								P	C	C	X
Salvage yard					C*						X
Small appliance repair					C	C		P		C	
Temporary asphalt plant or highway construction yard and equipment placement					C	C	C	C	C	C	X
Temporary demolition landfill					C						
Truck stop									C*		X
Truck terminal & cartage facility									C	C	
Upholstering, furniture repair or restoration					C	C		P			
Veterinary clinic					C	C		C		C	X
Warehousing, shipping & inside storage facilities									P	P	
F. Public Service & Utility Uses	GDS	RDS	NES	WS	A	UR	RR	VMU	HC	LI	Stds
Essential public services without towers and transmission lines	P	P	P	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Essential public service towers and transmission lines	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	X
Government buildings	C	C	C		P	P	P	P	P	P	
Communications tower					C	C			C	C	X

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F. Public Service & Utility Uses cont.	GDS	RDS	NES	WS	A	UR	RR	VMU	HC	LI	Stds
Wind energy generation facilities and towers, rated for over 40 KW					C	C			C	C	X
Wind energy generation facilities and towers, rated for 40 KW or less	C	C	C		P	P	C	C	P	P	X
Temporary Meteorological test towers and equipment.	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	X
G. Uses Accessory & Temporary to Permitted Uses	GDS	RDS	NES	WS	A	UR	RR	VMU	HC	LI	Stds
Domestic pets up to 6 animals	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
Home day care for up to 14 persons	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	C		X
Home occupation, permitted	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			X
Home occupation, conditional	C	C	C		C	C	C	C			X
Outdoor storage					C			C		P	X
Room & board facility, max. 2 persons					C	C	C	C			X
Other temporary uses – yard sales, sale of one personal vehicle	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
H Structures Accessory to Permitted Uses	GDS	RDS	NES	WS	A	UR	RR	VMU	HC	LI	Stds
Antennas, including satellite dishes	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	X
Detached garages, storage sheds, outbuildings	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	X
Farm drainage systems, flood control and watershed structures, erosion control structures	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Fuel storage, containerized or bulk for use on site and under 1000 gal.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Outdoor recreation accessory to lodging (including water park, golf)								C	C		
Private airstrip					C		C				
Private swimming pool, tennis court, recreational facilities accessory to a dwelling	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
Signs meeting standards in Chapter 505.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Seasonal roadside stands for sales of farm products primarily produced upon the premises					P	C					X
Solar equipment	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Temporary farm dwelling (mobile home)					C	C					X
Water-oriented accessory structure	P	P									X

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H Structures Accessory to Permitted Uses cont.	GDS	RDS	NES	WS	A	UR	RR	VMU	HC	LI	Stds
Other structures typically incidental and clearly subordinate to permitted use	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	X

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