

Iowa County's 2019 draft Manure Storage and Management ordinance Summary and key points

The 2000 Iowa County Animal Waste Storage and Nutrient Utilization Ordinance is being updated as part of a County-wide ordinance review process and because of recent technical standard updates. This ordinance has not been revised since 2000.

To begin the process, Planning & Development and Land Conservation staff met approximately seven times since January 2018 to draft an updated ordinance. This update is based on the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection's (DATCP) model ordinance, and staff received advisory comments from DATCP to ensure consistency with State regulations. Lisa Trimble from DATCP also discussed ordinance options with the Land Conservation Committee at their November 15, 2018 meeting.

Significant changes include:

- Requirement of permits for new storage of any size (see section 1-2(9))
- Specifies that the NRCS Standards to follow are those current at time of application (section 1-2(23) and (24)).
- Added setbacks (section 1-3(4)).
- Added NR151.08 Manure Management Prohibitions (section 1-4(7)).
- Requirement of a Certificate of Use (section 1-6) that:
 - Requires proper operation and maintenance (1-6(4)c. and d.)
 - Allows the Land Conservation Department to inspect storage structures or request proof of compliance/operating checklist in the future (1-6(4)f.)
 - Requires annual Nutrient Management Plan checklists and regular updates for permitted facilities (1-6(4)a. and b.)
- Adjustment of boilerplate language throughout to match DATCP's template

The permitting process remains the same, where the Planning & Development office handles the permits and citations, while Land Conservation provides technical assistance with plan reviews, checklists, and inspections.

Fees will be established by resolution. We will propose a higher fee for after-the-fact permits.

This ordinance would not be retroactive except that the Manure Management Prohibitions would apply to everyone.

This is a DRAFT document that will go through a public hearing and comment process. The public hearing has been set for the July 25 Planning & Development meeting, 6:00 pm in the Iowa County Courthouse second floor conference room.