STATE OF WISCONSIN

TOWN OF WASHINGTON, VILAS COUNTY

CODE OF ORDINANCES

CHAPTER 26: TOWN OF WASHINGTON ADOPTION OF WISCONSIN UNIFORM DWELLING CODE ORDINANCE

26.01 Title and Purpose

The title of this ordinance is the Town of Washington Adoption of the Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code

The purpose of this ordinance is to promote the general health, safety and welfare to maintain required local uniformity with the administrative and technical requirements of the Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code.

26.02 Authority

These regulations are adopted under the authority granted by s. 101.65, Wisconsin Statutes.

26.03 Scope

A. The scope of this ordinance includes the construction and inspection of one- and two-family dwellings built since June 1, 1980.
B. Notwithstanding s. SPS 320.05, the scope also includes the construction and inspection of alterations and additions to one- and two-family dwellings built before June 1, 1980. Because such projects are not under state jurisdiction, petitions for variance and final appeals under ss. SPS 320.19 and 320.21, respectively, shall be decided by the municipal board of appeals. Petitions for variance shall be decided per s. SPS 320.19 (intro.) so that equivalency is maintained to the intent of the rule being petitioned. As the board of appeals approves petitions for variance, the chief inspector is granted the power to apply the results to similar circumstances by precedent.
C. Notwithstanding s. SPS 320.05, the scope also includes the construction and inspection of detached garages serving one and two family dwellings. The building structure and any heating, electrical or plumbing systems shall comply with the Uniform Dwelling Code. Petitions for variance and appeals shall be handled as in the previous paragraph.

26.04 Building Inspector

A. There is hereby created the position of Building Inspector, who shall administer and enforce this ordinance and shall be certified by the Department of Safety and Professional Services, as specified by Wisconsin Statutes, Section 101.66 (2), in the category of Uniform Dwelling Code Construction Inspector. Additionally, this or other assistant inspectors shall possess the certification categories of UDC HVAC, UDC Electrical, and UDC Plumbing.
B. The building inspector(s) shall keep a log of all inspections completed.

26.05 Severability

If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

26.06 Adoption of Ordinance

This ordinance, adopted by a majority of the town board with a quorum present and voting and proper notice having been given, formally adopts the Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code, Chs. SPS 320-325 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and all amendments thereto, are incorporated by reference and shall apply to all buildings within the scope of this ordinance.

This ordinance repeals and replaces all previous Town of Washington Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code ordinances.

26.07 Effective Date

The Town Clerk shall properly post or publish this ordinance under §60.80, Wis. Stats.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and posting or publication as provided by law.

Adopted this 9th day of November 2026.

Jim Egan, Town Chairperson

Attest:

Nancy Sobralski, Town Clerk

Published and/or posted this 10th day of November 2026.

Town of Washington Ordinance Amendment Record

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Date	Article	Section	Amendment Summary
11-09-26			Ordinance codified into the Town of Washington Code of Ordinances. Original ordinance 2004-1A repealed and replaced.
11-09-26	26.03	C	Scope includes construction and inspection of detached garages serving one and two family dwellings.