
Policy for Moving Existing Homes and Other Structures into and within Goodhue County

The Minnesota State Building Code states that “buildings or structures moved into or within a jurisdiction shall comply with the provision of the code for new buildings or structures.” An exception is that that structure need not fully comply with the current Minnesota Energy Code. Goodhue County’s policy is in accordance with the code requirements and applies to all structures with specific details that are related to moving existing homes. This policy may not be all-inclusive; additional items may apply. For example, Goodhue County cities and townships may have additional requirements. Please call the office at 651/385-3114 with questions.

Permit Requirements..... Goodhue County Building Permits are required. All submittals of drawings, blueprints, and other pertinent building and zoning information must be reviewed and approved before the building permit is issued.

Code Requirements..... New footings, foundations, basements, and stairways shall meet all current Building Code requirements, including, but not limited to the requirements for light, ventilation, egress, insulation, plumbing, mechanical, and structural integrity.

Egress Windows..... Existing bedroom windows shall meet current egress Code requirements.

Smoke Detectors..... Smoke detectors shall be installed per the current Code requirements.

Safety..... All existing structural, plumbing, and mechanical systems shall be safe, sound, functional, and in good working order. At the discretion of the County Building Official, or designee, any or all of the existing structure may need to be replaced or repaired if that structure is found to be unsafe or hazardous.

Home Resale..... Only Minnesota-licensed residential contractors may move a home to a new site for the purpose of reselling the home.

I understand the Code requirements for my proposal to move an existing house or other structure into (or within) Goodhue County. I will be complying with the permitting, inspection, and occupancy requirements of the current Minnesota State Building Code.

Please print owner’s name(s) and contact information below:

Name

Address

City/State/ Zip

Telephone

Owner, please sign and date to verify statement of understanding and agreement:

Signature of Owner

Date

Please submit this form with the application for a building permit.