

Article B: General Provisions

Sec. 13-3-10 Compliance.

The use of wetlands and the alteration of wetlands within the shoreland area of Bayfield County shall be in full compliance with the terms of this Chapter and other applicable local, state or federal regulations. (However, see Section 13-3-24 of this Chapter for the standards applicable to nonconforming uses.) All permitted development shall require the issuance of a zoning permit unless otherwise expressly excluded by a provision of this Chapter. Property owners, builders and contractors are responsible for compliance with the terms of this Chapter.

Sec. 13-3-11 Municipalities and State Agencies Regulated.

Unless specifically exempted by law, all cities, villages, town and counties are required to comply with this Chapter and obtain all necessary permits. State agencies are required to comply if Section 13.48(13), Wis. Stats., applies. The construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair of state highways and bridges by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation are exempt when Section 30.12(4)(a), Wis. Stats., applies.

Sec. 13-3-12 Abrogation and Greater Restrictions.

The provisions of this Chapter supersede all the provisions of any County zoning ordinance adopted under Sec. 59.97, Wis. Stats., which relate to shoreland-wetlands. However, where an ordinance adopted under a statute other than Sec. 59.97, Wis. Stats., is more restrictive than this Chapter, that ordinance shall continue in full force and effect to the extent of the greater restrictions, but not otherwise effect:

- (a) This Chapter shall not require approval or be subject to disapproval by any town board.
- (b) If an existing town ordinance relating to shoreland-wetlands is more restrictive than this Chapter or any amendments thereto, the town ordinance continues in all respects to the extent of the greater restrictions but not otherwise.
- (c) This Chapter is not intended to repeal, abrogate or impair any existing deed restrictions, covenants or easements. However, where this Chapter imposes greater restrictions, the provisions of this Chapter shall prevail.

Sec. 13-3-13 Interpretation.

In their interpretation and application, the provisions of this Chapter shall be held to be minimum requirements and shall be liberally construed in favor of the municipality and shall not be deemed a limitation or repeal of any other powers granted by the Wisconsin Statutes. Where a provision of this Chapter is required by a standard in Ch. NR 117, Wis. Adm. Code, and where the Chapter provision is unclear, the provision shall be interpreted in light of the Chapter NR 117 standards in effect on the date of the adoption

of this Chapter or in effect on the date of the most recent text amendment to this Chapter.

Sec. 13-3-14 Severability.

Should any portion of this Chapter be declared invalid or unconstitutional for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Chapter shall not be affected.

Sec. 13-3-15 through Sec. 13-3-19 Reserved for Future Use.