

ORDINANCE NO. 13-2025

Ordinance Amending Green Lake County Code §§ 350-15, 350-38, 350-39, 350-40  
& 350-41

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 16th day of September, 2025, does ordain as follows:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, that Green Lake County Code §§ 350-15, 350-38, 350-39, 350-40 & 350-41 shall be amended as follows:

**350-15 Accessory buildings; accessory structures.** [Amended 2-15-2011 by Ord. No. 989-2011; 11-14-2017 by Ord. No. 22-2017; 9-21-2021 by Ord. No. 30-2021]

B. Detached accessory building structures utilized for residential storage may be expanded in accordance with this chapter, to provide additional residential storage space. Decks, open or screened porches, 3-season rooms, sunrooms or similar residential accessory structures shall not be permitted as part of, an addition to, or an expansion of a residential detached accessory building structure. Basement and/or "lean-to" addition(s) may be permitted in accordance with this chapter. Lean-to additions shall be included in the maximum footprint of the structure if enclosed.

Roll Call on Resolution No. 13-2025

Submitted by Land Use Planning &  
Zoning Committee:

Ayes 15, Nays 0, Absent 3, Abstain 0,  
Vacant 1

*/s/ Chuck Buss*

Passed and Enacted/~~Rejected~~ this 16th  
day of September, 2025.

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Chuck Buss, Chair

*Absent*

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Curt Talma

*/s/ David Abendroth*

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County Board Chairman

*/s/ Gene Thom*

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*/s/ Elizabeth Otto*

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ATTEST: County Clerk  
Approve as to Form:

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Bill Boutwell

*/s/ Jeffrey Mann*

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Corporation Counsel

*/s/ Sue Wendt*

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15 **350-38 R-1 Single Family Residence District**

16 **E.** Accessory building structures. The total combined footprint area allowed for accessory  
17 building structures shall not exceed 10% of the land area, excluding any road right-of-way.  
18 Each accessory building structure shall satisfy all of the following standards: [Added 2-15-  
19 2011 by Ord. No. 989-2011; amended 9-21-2021 by Ord. No. 30-2021]

20 **(1)** Setbacks: same as principal structure.

21 **(2) Structure** Height: 25 feet maximum; ~~ground floor surface to peak. There shall be no~~  
22 ~~sidewalls above the ground floor ceiling joist. Ground floor~~ All sidewalls, **excluding**  
23 **basement sidewalls, shall be located below the roof trusses and** shall not exceed **a15**  
24 ~~feet~~ **foot** internal height.

25 **(3)** Area: 1,500 square foot maximum footprint (ground floor).

26 **(4)** Volume:-25,000 cubic feet maximum **external** volume. **Basements are exempt from the**  
27 **volume calculation.**

28 **(5)** Human habitation of a detached accessory building structure may be allowed, however  
29 shall be limited to 20% of the footprint area or 300 square feet, whichever is less. This  
30 standard shall apply to only one detached accessory building structure per lot or parcel.

31 **(6)** In no case is a shipping or storage container(s) to be utilized as a residential accessory  
32 building structure. [Added 8-18-2020 by Ord. No. 9-2020]  
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34 **350-39 R-2 Single-Family Mobile Home Residence District**

35 **E.** Accessory building structures. The total combined footprint area allowed for accessory  
36 building structures shall not exceed 10% of the land area, excluding any road right-of-way. Each  
37 accessory building structure shall satisfy all of the following standards: [Added 2-15-  
38 2011 by Ord. No. 989-2011; amended 11-14-2017 by Ord. No. 22-2017; 9-21-2021 by Ord. No.  
39 30-2021]

40 **(1)** Setbacks: same as principal structure.

41 **(2) Structure** Height: 25 feet maximum; ~~ground floor surface to peak. There shall be no~~  
42 ~~sidewalls above the ground floor ceiling joist. Ground floor~~ All sidewalls, **excluding basement**  
43 **sidewalls, shall be located below the roof trusses and** shall not exceed **a15 feet** ~~feet~~ **foot** internal  
44 height.

45 **(3)** Area: 1,500 square foot maximum footprint (ground floor).

46 **(4)** Volume:-25,000 cubic feet maximum **external** volume. **Basements are exempt from the**  
47 **volume calculation.**

48 **(5)** Human habitation of a detached accessory building structure may be allowed; however it  
49 shall be limited to 20% of the footprint area or 300 square feet, whichever is less. This  
50 standard shall apply to only one detached accessory building structure per lot or parcel.

(6) In no case is a shipping or storage container(s) to be utilized as a residential accessory building structure. [Added 8-18-2020 by Ord. No. 9-2020]

### 350-40 R-3 Multiple-Family Residence District

E. Accessory building structures. The total combined footprint area allowed for accessory building structures shall not exceed 10% of the land area, excluding any road right-of-way. Each accessory building structure shall satisfy all of the following standards: [Amended 3-19-2019 by Ord. No. 2-2019; 8-18-2020 by Ord. No. 9-2020; 9-21-2021 by Ord. No. 30-2021]

(1) Setbacks: same as principal structure.

(2) ~~Structure~~ Height: 25 feet maximum; ground floor surface to peak. ~~There shall be no sidewalls above the ground floor ceiling joist. Ground floor~~ All sidewalls, excluding basement sidewalls, shall be located below the roof trusses and not exceed a 15 foot internal height.

(3) Area: 1,500 square foot maximum footprint (ground floor).

(4) Volume: 25,000 cubic feet maximum external volume. Basements are exempt from the volume calculation.

(5) In no case is a shipping or storage container(s) to be utilized as a residential accessory building structure.<sup>[2]</sup>

### 350-41 R-4 Rural Residential District

~~E.~~ (5) Accessory building structure standards. The total combined footprint area allowed for accessory building structures shall not exceed 10% of the land area, excluding any road right-of-way. An accessory building structure shall satisfy all of the following standards:

[Amended 8-18-2020 by Ord. No. 9-2020; 9-21-2021 by Ord. No. 30-2021]

~~(1).~~ (a) Setbacks: same as principal structure.

~~(2).~~ (b) ~~Structure~~ Height: None. However, there shall be no sidewalls above the ground floor ceiling joist. ~~Ground floor~~ All sidewalls, excluding basement sidewalls, shall be located below the roof trusses and not exceed 20 feet in height. [Amended 9-19-2023 by Ord. No. 13-2023]

~~(3).~~ (c) Structure footprint: None. [Amended 9-19-2023 by Ord. No. 13-2023]

~~(4).~~ (d) Volume: None. [Amended 9-19-2023 by Ord. No. 13-2023]

~~(5).~~ (e) Human habitation of a detached accessory building structure may be allowed, however shall be limited to 20% of the footprint area or 300 square feet, whichever is less. This standard shall apply to only one detached accessory building structure per lot or parcel.

~~(6).~~ (f) In no case is a shipping or storage container(s) to be utilized as a residential accessory building structure.<sup>[1]</sup>

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication.