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Watonwan County Setback Requirements

Agricultural (A)

Front Yard – 100 ft. from Right-of-Way
Side Yard – 20 ft. from Property Line
Rear Yard – 50 ft. from Property Line
Field Windbreaks – 100 ft. from Right-of-Way
Where a lot is located at an intersection there shall be a front yard setback from both Right-of-Ways.

Rural Residential (R1)

Front Yard – 35 ft. from Right-of-Way
Side Yard – 10 ft. from Property Lines
Rear Yard – 20 ft. from Property Lines

General Business (B)

Front Yard – 35 ft. from Right-of-Way
Side Yard – 20 ft. from Property Lines
Rear Yard – 20 ft. from Property Lines

Shoreland Overlay

Setbacks from Ordinary High Water Level
Recreational Dev.: Unsewered – 100 ft.
 Sewered – 75 ft.
 System – 75 ft.
Natural Environment: Unsewered – 150 ft.
 Sewered – 150 ft.
 System – 150 ft.
Rivers: Unsewered – 100 ft.
 Sewered – 50 ft.
 System – 75 ft.

Septic Systems

Tank -

10 ft. from Property Lines
10 ft. Water Lines
10 ft. from Buildings
50 ft. from deep cased Wells or
100 ft. from shallow, uncased Wells

Drainfield –

20 ft. from Buildings
10 ft. from Property Lines
50 ft. from Wells with casing > 50 ft.
100 ft. from Wells with casing < 50 ft.
75 ft. from Agricultural Rivers
75 ft. from “RD” Lakes
150 ft. from “NE” Lakes

General Industrial (I)

Front Yard – 100 ft. from Right-of- Way
Side Yard – 15 ft. from Property Lines
Rear Yard – 15 ft. from Property Lines

Setbacks from:

Top of Bluff - 30 ft.
Unplatted Cemetery- 50 ft.
Right-of-Way: Ag and Industrial – 100 ft.
 Residential & Business – 35 ft.

Ordinary High Water Level -

One Water Oriented Accessory Structure – 10 ft.
New Feedlot – 1,000 ft.