

## Dane County Current Wind Turbine Rules and Process for Future Rules

Currently, wind turbines (or modest size wind farms) would be considered "small scale electric generating stations", which are listed as a permitted use in the A-1EX district under sec. 10.123(2)(f). As a permitted use in A-1EX, no CUP or rezoning would be needed if a proposal was on A-1EX zoned land. A zoning permit issued by the zoning administrator is all that would be required to install a turbine(s).

The chapter 10 task force has identified a wind power ordinance as a priority and will be working to develop one in the next year or so. The recently promulgated PSC rules do not require county action, but simply provide the framework for local ordinances (we can't be more restrictive than the state). The PSC rules are available online here:  
<http://psc.wi.gov/mediaRoom/documents/windSitingRules.pdf>. My understanding is that the PSC rules are now being considered in the state Assembly's Energy and Utilities committee.

Mount Horeb Wind Turbine Moratorium adopted last year:

<http://www.mounthorebwi.info/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=bs2jN6A%2fNUY%3d&tabid=144>