

Grundy County, Missouri: written reply to a public-records request

Copied word for word from the county's email to DreamStart Building Company. Personal phone numbers and email addresses are left out.

Note from DreamStart: The Clerk's "All correct" (October 23) confirms the items in our checklist that already had an answer (1, 3, 6 and 11). The items we marked "We don't know yet" are still unanswered.

From: Courtney Campbell, County Clerk / Election Authority, Grundy County Courthouse, 700 Main St, Trenton, MO 64683 · 660.359.4040

Received: October 6, 2026

The county's reply:

Grundy County does not have any planning or zoning.

What we asked:

Could you please send me, or point me to, the following for unincorporated areas of the county:

1. The county's zoning order or building ordinance, if any (PDF is perfect). If the county has none, a short reply confirming that would be just as helpful.
2. Whether a building permit is required for a new single-family home, and the fee.
3. Whether the county has adopted a building code (and which edition), and what inspections are required.
4. Any minimum lot size or minimum home size, and the setbacks.
5. Whether a property owner may do their own electrical and plumbing work, or whether a licensed contractor is required.
6. Who issues septic permits (the county health department?).

This is a request for public records under Missouri's Sunshine Law (RSMo Chapter 610).

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The county's reply:

All correct.

What we asked:

Our checklist of October 22, 2026 ("Please reply 'all correct', or just tell us the numbers that are wrong or missing"), for unincorporated Grundy County, for a new single-family home:

1. County zoning. What we have: No planning or zoning (your email of October 6, 2026).
2. Building permit. What we have: We don't know yet.
3. Building code. What we have: None adopted (Missouri Department of Economic Development 2021 county building-code data).
4. Inspections. What we have: We don't know yet.
5. Owner's own work. What we have: We don't know yet.

6. Septic. What we have: The state (DHSS Onsite Program) issues septic permits in Grundy County, not a county office.
7. Minimum lot size. What we have: We don't know yet.
8. Minimum home size. What we have: We don't know yet.
9. Homes per parcel. What we have: We don't know yet.
10. Dividing land. What we have: We don't know yet.
11. Floodplain. What we have: FEMA lists unincorporated Grundy County as participating in the National Flood Insurance Program.
12. Who to call. What we have: We don't know yet.