



Richland County Land Conservation &
Zoning Department
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Press Release

Though there are no reports of this occurring in Richland County, county officials are aware of a fraudulent invoice scam occurring in other Wisconsin counties. Residents of other counties are receiving fake emails that appear to be official correspondence from their equivalent of a Land Conservation & Zoning Department, directing them to promptly pay an invoice via wire transfer in order to finalize a permit. According to one county, "the emails and invoices look professional and may even use the names of [employees] to appear legitimate."

Red flags that could indicate a suspicious email include:

- Suspicious contact information not affiliated with a legitimate county email address. All emails from Richland County will end with @co.richland.wi.us
- Pressure to pay promptly and through a method such as wire transfer. As standard practice Richland County Land Conservation & Zoning Department does not send invoices. People pay with their application or permit.

Although officials have not heard of this occurring here, a Richland County resident who receives an email they suspect to be fraudulent should contact the Richland County Land Conservation & Zoning Department at (608) 647-2447.