



CUMBERLAND COUNTY

AFFIDAVIT FARM STRUCTURE EXEMPTION

(This exemption does not include plumbing, mechanical or electrical to any agricultural building/structure). An approved Zoning Permit is still required prior to construction taking place.

Farm buildings and structures are exempt from the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC). In order to qualify for this exemption, the structure serves a specific purpose which is directly related to an existing operating farm. The Code of Virginia §36-97 and Section 102.3.6 of the 2009 edition of the USBC defines a farm building/structure as follows:

Farm Building or Structure: A building or structure not used for residential purposes, located on property where farming operations take place, and used primarily for any of the following uses or combination thereof:

1. Storage, handling, production, display, sampling or sale of agricultural, horticultural, floricultural or silvicultural products produced in the farm.
2. Sheltering, raising, handling, processing or sale of agricultural animals or agricultural animal products.
3. Business or office uses relating to the farm operations.
4. Use of farm machinery or equipment or maintenance or storage of vehicles, machinery or equipment on the farm.
5. Storage or use of supplies and materials used on the farm.
6. Implementation of best management practices associated with farm operations.

Such buildings or structures lying within a flood plain are subject to flood proofing. This exemption does not apply to any building or portion thereof used or operated as a restaurant and licensed by the Board of Health.

OWNER NAME: _____ PHONE: (_____) _____

EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PROPERTY ADDRESS: _____ TAX MAP # _____

_____ ZONING: _____

In order to verify the specific purpose for the proposed structure, please answer the following questions related to the activities conducted on the property:

1. Is the property currently being used for the production of agricultural, horticultural, floricultural, silviculture, raising or processing of farm animals or products intended for sale?

YES or NO

If you answered **NO** to the previous question, the proposed structure **IS NOT** exempt from the USBC. If you answered **YES**, please continue.

2. Is the proposed building/structure to be used for the storage, handling sheltering, raising, processing or production of those things listed in question 1, or for the maintenance, storage or use of equipment related to those activities?

YES or NO (please check one)

If you answered **NO** to the previous question, the proposed structure **IS NOT** exempt from the USBC. If you answered **YES**, please complete the affidavit on the reverse side of this form.

By completing the following affidavit, you are stating that the proposed structure meets the farm structure exemption of the USBC. There will be no inspections required or performed by the Building Department. Presentation of a false affidavit would constitute a violation of **Section 115** of the USBC and subject to a fine not to exceed **\$2,500.00**. Presentation of a false affidavit may also constitute violation of other laws, regulations which may be punishable separately. The structure **is not exempt** from other laws, regulations and ordinances including the Cumberland County Zoning Ordinance and Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance.

I (name) _____ have read and understand the above and affirm that the structure proposed to be built qualifies as a "farm structure". I am the owner of said property and am or will be involved in agribusiness within a twelve (12) month period from the date listed below, and held responsible to provide documentation of agribusiness to Cumberland County before the twelve month period expires.

Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____

Building use: _____
Number of stories: _____
Type of construction: _____
Foundation construction type: _____
Exterior finish materials: _____
Interior finish materials: _____
Floor finish: _____
Type of roofing: _____
Will the structure have electricity?: _____
If yes, what service capacity?: _____
Dimensions of structure: _____ x _____ = _____ sq ft
Estimated cost: _____

If you have not constructed the structure by the beginning of the next tax year, please inform the Commissioner of Revenue, as they will then begin to tax you for the structure based on receiving this document.