



FARM BUILDING & STRUCTURE AFFIDAVIT

For Office Use Only

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Farm buildings and structures are exempt from the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC). In order to qualify for this exemption, the structure must be used for a specific purpose which is directly related to operating a farm. The USBC defines a farm building or structure as follows:

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 on 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.

Print Owner Name: _____ Phone: _____

Property Address: _____

1. Is the property currently being used for the production of agricultural, horticultural, floricultural or silvicultural products for sale? [] YES or [] NO
Type of products: _____
2. Is the property currently being used for the raising or processing of farm animals or farm animal products for sale? [] YES or [] NO
Type of animals/products: _____

If you answered NO to both questions #1 and #2 above, the proposed structure IS NOT a farm building or structure exempt from the requirements of the USBC. If you answered YES to at least one of the questions, please continue.

3. Is the proposed structure to be used for the storage, handling or production of products listed in #1 above? [] YES or [] NO
Type of products: _____
4. Is the proposed structure to be used for the sheltering, raising or processing of animals in #2 above? [] YES or [] NO
Type of animals/products: _____
5. Is the proposed structure to be used for the maintenance, storage or use of equipment related to the activities listed in #1 and #2 above? [] YES or [] NO
Type of equipment: _____

If you answered YES to #3, #4, OR #5, please complete the affidavit below.

By completing the following affidavit, you are swearing that the proposed structure meets the farm structure exemption of the USBC. No building permit or building inspection will be required. **Building a structure without a building permit that is not legally exempt would constitute a violation of Code of Virginia § 36-106 which is deemed a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of up to \$2,500.** Each day a violation continues after conviction or court-ordered abatement period has expired shall constitute a separate offense. Presentation of a false affidavit may also constitute violation of other state laws which may be punishable separately. The structure is not exempt from other laws, regulations and ordinances, including the **Sussex County Zoning Ordinance and the Sussex County Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance.**

STATE OF VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF SUSSEX, to-wit:

COMES NOW _____ (name), and after having been sworn, state that I have read and understand the above, have truthfully answered the above questions and affirm that the structure proposed to be built qualifies as a "farm building or structure" as defined by the USBC.

Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN TO before me this ____ day of _____, 20____, by

My commission expires: _____

Notary Public

Director of Community Development

Date

Building Official

Date