

# AFFIDAVIT FARM STRUCTURE EXEMPTION



## GRAYSON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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 a specific purpose which is directly related to an operating farm. The Code of Virginia §36-97 and Section 102.3.6 of the 2012 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 or in a mudslide-prone area are subject to flood proofing and/or mudslide regulations. 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: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ TAX MAP# \_\_\_\_\_

In order to verify an understanding of 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, or will be used for production and handling of agricultural, horticultural, floricultural or silvicultural products?  Yes  No

If so, what? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Is the property currently being used or will be used for the raising or processing of farm animals or farm animal products?  Yes  No

If so, what? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Is the property currently being used or will be used for sheltering of farm animals or farm machinery or equipment, on the farm?  Yes  No

If so, what? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Is the structure of a specific purpose which is directly related to the operating farm?  Yes  No

5. This building or structure or a portion of the building or structure will not be used for residential purposes?  Yes  No

6. Is the structure located on the property where the farming operations take place?  Yes  No

By completing the following affidavit, you are stating that the proposed structure meets the farm structure exemption of the Uniform Statewide Building Code. The structure is located in the property where the farming operation takes place.

I (name) \_\_\_\_\_ have read and understand the above and affirm that the structure proposed to be built qualifies as a farm structure under the USBC.

I (name) \_\_\_\_\_ owner of said property, am/will be involved in agribusiness within a twelve month period for the date listed below.

**Owner Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Witness:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

***Grayson County Agent***