



AFFIDAVIT FOR BUILDING PERMIT EXEMPTION FOR BONA FIDE FARM USE

You **MUST** submit processing fee of **\$25.00** with application.

Please read very carefully

One of the following is required in order to qualify for a Bona Fide Farm Exemption **in addition to** meeting the minimum acreage requirement. If you **can not or fail** to submit one of the following items with this application; you are therefore ineligible for the Bona Fide Farm exemption and are hereby required to get a building permit for your project.

Any of the following shall constitute sufficient evidence that the property is being used for bona fide farm purposes.

Please check which item you are submitting with your application:

- a. A farm sales tax exemption certificate issued by the Department of Revenue.
- b. A copy of the property tax listing showing that the property is eligible for participation in the present use value program pursuant to G.S. 105-277.3.
- c. A copy of the farm owner's or operator's Schedule F from the owner's or operator's most recent federal income tax return.
- d. A forest management plan.
- e. A Farm Identification Number issued by the United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency.

In order to qualify for the Bona Fide Farm exemption, the land use **must also** meet one of the following three (3) farm classifications:

- Agriculture Land (min 10 acres) Horticultural Land (min 5 acres) Forest Land (min 20 acres)

Any missed or avoided questions will result in an immediate REJECTION!

Property Information:

Parcel Number: _____ Phone Number _____
 Landowner Name: _____
 Landowner Mailing Address: _____
 Address for proposed building: _____
 Acreage of property where building will be located: _____
 Is there a residence on this property? YES NO
 What is the owner of the property profession? _____
 What percentage of revenue off this property will be your income? _____
 Is the property in land or forestry use? YES NO
 Is property class C or F with the state or federal tax dept? YES NO

Structure Information:

What will be stored in the building? (be specific) _____
 What is the size of the building? _____
 Is the building on a permanent foundation? YES NO
 Is this pole type construction? YES NO
 Will this building have electric, plumbing or heating/air installed? YES NO
 What is the main production from property? _____
 Will the building be open to or used by the public? YES NO
 If yes, in what capacity? _____
 Will a sign be posted on the property? YES NO
 Will this building have bedroom(s) or sleeping room(s)? YES NO
 Will this building have a bathroom? YES NO

Agricultural Building: A structure designed and constructed to house farm implements, hay, grain, poultry, livestock or other horticultural products. This structure shall not be a place of human habitation or a place of employment where agricultural products are processed, treated or packaged, nor shall it be a place used by the public. Definition: 2012 NC Building Code

Farm Building includes any building that is not open to the general public and is used primarily for a bona fide farm purpose. A bona fide farm purpose includes the production or storage of agricultural products or commodities including crops, fruits, vegetables, ornamental or flowering plants, dairy, timber, livestock, poultry and all other forms of agricultural products. Farm Buildings do not include such buildings used for purposes of education and research. Commentary: 2012 NC Administrative Code and Policies

Site Plans MUST be submitted with this form!

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING
INITIAL THE FOLLOWING AREAS AND SIGN BELOW**

___ I hereby declare that the proposed building described in this application is in whole a "Farm Building" and **will be used for no other purpose**. I hereby acknowledge that any change in use of the building that does not meet the definition of agriculture or farm shall remove the bona fide farm/agricultural exemption status. Compliance will require engineering and approval by other county departments prior to submittal for a building or commercial building permit. Penalty fees will apply.

___ I understand any land disturbance for farm/agriculture use is exempt from Soil and Erosion Sedimentation Control. Change in use of the building that does not meet the definition of agriculture shall remove the farm exemption status. Soil and Erosion Sedimentation Control permit submittal may be required and penalty fees may apply.

___ I understand that I will need to obtain permits for inspection of any electrical, plumbing or heating/air related to this structure even if the proposed building is exempt from building permit issuance for bona fide farm/agricultural use.

___ I understand that the proposed building cannot contain sleeping quarters or bedrooms.

___ I acknowledge that I will not use this building for residential storage for residential items for example but not limited to: vehicles, boats, campers, residential lawnmowers, non-farm related tools of trade or hobbies.

___ I understand that the proposed building cannot be used for commercial use or a business. The public cannot obtain a sale, a good or service from this property related in any way to this building. There will not be a business sign posted on site.

Printed Owner Name _____

Landowner Signature _____

_____ State

_____ County

I, _____, a Notary Public for said county and state, certify that _____ appeared before me this day and acknowledge the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and notary seal, this _____ day of _____, _____.

Notary Public

*****FOR OFFICE USE ONLY*****

Exemption APPROVED/ NOT APPROVED: _____, Zoning Dep.
Name and Date

Environmental Health approval (attached).

Exemption APPROVED/ NOT APPROVED _____, Inspection Dept.
Name & Date

Notification by: Mail Fax Email Telephone Not Required

Comments: