



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 102.3.9 of the 2018 edition of the USBC define a farm building/structure as follows:

Farm Building or Structure: A building or structure **not used for residential purposes, located on the 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: _____

MAILING 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 on the property where the farming operation takes place.

There will be no inspections required or performed by this office except for plumbing, electrical, and mechanical inspections only. Presentations of a false affidavit would constitute a violation of Section 115 of the Uniform Statewide Building Code and subject to a fine not to exceed **\$2,500.00**. Presentation of a false affidavit may also constitute violations of other laws and regulations, which may be punishable separately. This structure is not exempt from other laws, regulations, and ordinances, including the Grayson County Zoning Ordinance and the Grayson County 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 under the Uniform Statewide Building Code.

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