



## FARM BUILDING/STRUCTURE AFFIDAVIT

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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 building or structure must be used for a specific purpose directly related to an operating 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.

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:

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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:

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If you answered **NO** to either question #1 or #2, the proposed building or structure IS NOT a farm building or structure exempt from the requirements of the USBC, and requires both a zoning and building permit. If you answered yes to one of the questions, please continue.

3. Is the proposed building or structure to be used for the storage, handling or production of products listed in #1 above?

YES or  NO

Type of products:

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4. Is the proposed building or structure to be used for the sheltering, raising or processing of animals in #2 above?

YES or  NO

Type of animals:

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5. Is the proposed building or 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:

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If you answered **YES** to #3, #4 **OR** #5, please complete the following affidavit:

**Owner Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Building/Structure Information:**

Size of Building/Structure: \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Disturbance: \_\_\_\_\_

Electrical Service to Building/Structure:  Yes  No Electric Service Supplier: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Use: \_\_\_\_\_

By completing the following affidavit, you are swearing that the proposed building or structure meets the farm building or structure exemption of the USBC. No building permit or building inspections will be required. **Building a building or 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 the 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 building or structure is not exempt from other laws, regulations and ordinances, including the Fauquier County Zoning Ordinance and the Fauquier County Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance.

I further understand that by signing this affidavit I will be subject to unscheduled inspections on my property in order to ensure compliance with the restrictions of this building permit exception.

State of Virginia

COUNTY/City of \_\_\_\_\_, to-wit:

COMES NOW \_\_\_\_\_ (Owner), 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 qualified as a "farm structure" as defined by the USBC.

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

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN TO before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of person seeking acknowledgement).

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public

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Zoning:  Approval  Denial Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Denial: \_\_\_\_\_

Building:  Approval  Denial Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Denial: \_\_\_\_\_