



EXEMPTION OF FARM BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES FROM THE VIRGINIA UNIFORM STATEWIDE BUILDING CODE

In accordance with Section 102.3.9 Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, farm buildings or structures are exempt from regulation by the VA. USBC. As such, the Building Code Office requires **no inspections or fees**, and none will be performed or charged. Also, issuance of a **Certificate of Occupancy is not required**, and none will be issued.

Farm Building 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 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.

However, farm buildings and structures lying with a flood plain or in a mudslide-prone area shall be subject to flood-proofing regulations or mudslide regulation, as applicable.

A building or a portion of a building located on a farm that is operated as a restaurant as defined in Section 35.1-1 of the Code of Virginia and licensed as such by the Virginia Board of Health pursuant to Chapter 2 (Section 35.1-11 et seq.) of Title 35.1 of the code of Virginia is not exempt from regulation by the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code.

Farm: A farm is a tract, or plot, of land devoted to agricultural purposes, or to the raising of animals or livestock; or a tract of water devoted to the artificial cultivation of aquatic life.

I / We have read and understand the above, and affirm that the structure proposed to be built qualifies as a farm building or structure.

OWNER: _____ ADDRESS: _____

TAX MAP # _____ PHONE # _____ EMAIL: _____

SIZE OF STUCTURE: Width _____ Length _____ Total Sq ft: _____ ELECTRIC: _____

OWNER SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____

By completing the following affidavit, you are swearing that the proposed structure meets the farm structure exemption of the USBC and that no part of this building will be used for temporary or permanent residential purposes (including campers, motor homes, boats) and, as such, no building permit or building inspections 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 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.

Building Inspections Office Use Only

Building Official Action: Approved Denied

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Comments: _____

Power Company Certification: This is to certify that the electrical system serving this property has NOT been inspected and has been constructed at the owner's risk. Furthermore, inspections by the County is not required in order for the electrical service to be provided by the applicable power company.