



The information provided by the owner on this form will be used by the Building Code Official to determine if a proposed/ existing structure meets the farm building/structure definition of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC) and meets the eligibility requirements for an exemption from the USBC. This information will also be used in the Zoning Permit review to identify the land use based on the Zoning Ordinance definitions. A Zoning Permit is required for all new farm building(s) or structure(s) or any change of use of an existing building or structure, regardless if the Building Official deems the building or structure exempt from the USBC.

FARM STRUCTURE EXEMPTION REQUEST

Request for exemption from the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC), 2018 Virginia Construction Code, Section 102.3 - "Exemption for farm buildings and structures"

VIRGINIA CONSTRUCTION CODE CHAPTER 2 DEFINITIONS

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.

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1. Describe in detail the farming operation taking place on the land where the farm building or structure is located:

2. Describe in detail how the farm building or structure is used primarily for the farm uses defined above:

3. Describe any and all secondary uses of the farm building or structure:

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Permit # _____



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FARM BUILDING OR STRUCTURE ATTACHMENT
(return this completed document with the Building/Zoning Permit Application)

Please give a simple floor plan drawing of your farm building or structure using the box below (room layout e.g.: tack room, stall, hay/crop storage, bathroom, feed room, tasting room etc.). You may also submit any drawings or renderings of the structure and floor plans along with or in lieu of the simple floor plan.

☐ I am requesting a building permit and review even though the building or structure may be deemed exempt from USBC.

Is this building or structure primarily used for animal husbandry as defined in Article 8 of the Zoning Ordinance? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Structure Size (square feet) Structure Length Structure Width Structure Height

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Please submit a Building/Zoning Permit application along with all three (3) pages of the Farm Building or Structure Attachment. You will also need a plat of the property and will need to draw the structure(s) on the plat and give the distances from all property lines. You may also be required to obtain a Conservation Farm Plan (also known as a Farm Management Plan) from Loudoun Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service (VCES) and provide a copy of such executed Plan.

I, the undersigned:

- do understand that any changes to the primary use of this structure or status of my farming operations, as stated above, shall be reported to the Building Official and may nullify this exemption;
- do hereby certify that I have read and understand the above definitions from the USBC;
- do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that all statements provided by me on this application are true and accurate;
- do understand that a site visit by County staff may be required prior to approval and I hereby grant permission for County staff to enter the property;
- do understand that more information and documentation may be required to assist in my application review.

Parcel Address or Pin Number (where the proposed structure is to be built): _____

Contact Name: _____ Property Owner's Name: _____

Property Owner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Property Owner's Address: _____

Property Owner's Phone Number: _____ Property Owner's Email: _____

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Permit Number: _____ PIN Number: _____

Building Official Approval: _____ Date: _____

☐ Site visit required prior to approval (*check if required*)

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Zoning Planner Approval: _____ Date: _____