



COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK

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FARM STRUCTURE / FARM USE EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS

In order to qualify for a farm use exemption, the property must meet the County zoning requirements (see Item 1 below) and the structure must meet the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (VUSBC) definition of a farm structure / use (see Item 2 below):

1. Article 2, Code of the County of Brunswick, Farm Operation Definition

- Parcel(s) must be zoned in the A-1, Agricultural District.
- Parcel(s) must be at least 25 acres of land either contiguous or separate aggregating under single ownership or management.
- The farm activity must be for agriculture use that is pursued in the production of natural fibers and food for human or animal consumption.

Note: A zoning permit may be required for agricultural uses that do not meet the requirements above.

****Important Note: Recreational vehicles of any type (i.e. campers, travel trailers, motor homes, etc.) are NOT approved for any type of use in the A-1 District unless the recreational vehicles are set up in an approved campground. Approval of a Zoning Permit is required for all recreational vehicles.****

2. Chapter 2 Definitions, Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code.

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:

- Storage, handling, production, display, sampling or sale of agricultural, horticultural, floricultural, or silvicultural products produced on the farm;
- Sheltering, raising, handling, processing or sale of agricultural animals or agricultural products;
- Business or office uses related to the farm operations;
- Use of farm machinery or equipment or maintenance or storage of vehicles, machinery or equipment on the farm;
- Storage or use of supplies and materials used on the farm; or,
- Implementation of best management practices associated with farm operations.

Farm structures which meet the above definition are exempt from permit requirements per Section 102.3 of the VUSBC; therefore, no permit will be issued and no associated inspections will take place for any exempt farm structures or work (i.e. electrical, plumbing, etc.) associated with these structures.

If the requirements listed above are applicable to your structure or use, please fill out the affidavit in a complete manner. **Note:** The following documentation is required with the affidavit at the time of submittal.

- Recorded plat of the parcel(s) for the associated property
- Recorded deed of the parcel(s) if the associated property has been purchased in the past year
- Federal Tax Identification Number and Documentation for farm

Farm Use / Farm Structure Exemption Affidavit

Property Owner (s) Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____
-----Street / PO Box-----City, State-----Zip Code-----

Preferred Contact Number: _____

Email address: _____

Check box if you wish for a copy of the Farm Exemption approval / denial sent to this email address

Property Information: (**must be in an agricultural (A-1) zoning district**)

Farm Address / Location: _____

Tax Map #: _____ Acres: _____ Zoning: A-1
-----Map #-----Parcel #-----

Directions from Lawrenceville (R for right turn, L for left turn): _____

Please include nearest address (if known): _____

-Structure details: Size: _____ Floor type: _____ Roof type: _____

-How will the structure be used? (Please check all that apply.)

- Storage of farm materials or supplies. Handling, production, displaying, sampling, or sale of agricultural products.
- Business or office uses relating to the farm operation.
- Storage of farm machinery and equipment, or maintenance of farm vehicles and equipment.
- Sheltering, raising, or handling of agricultural animals or agricultural products.

-List the main agricultural use for the property: _____

- Federal Tax ID Number (Documentation Must be Attached) _____

By signing this affidavit, you attest that you are the owner of the listed property and that the above listed structure and use meets the farm structure exemption defined in the VUSBC. Presentation of a false affidavit is a violation of §102.3.6 of the USBC and punishable by law; moreover, the County of Brunswick will rescind the approval of this exemption and request removal of any power associated with this exemption. By signing this affidavit, you are consenting to the conditions listed above.

Property Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____

STATE OF _____, COUNTY/CITY OF _____, to-wit:

Subscribed and sworn by _____ before me this _____

day of _____, 2_____. Notary Public _____

My commission expires: _____. Registration Number: _____

FOR PLANNING DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

Approved Denied

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Notes: _____