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FARM STRUCTURE AFFIDAVIT

Farm structures are exempt from the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC). To qualify for this exemption, the structure must be used for a specific purpose directly related to an operating farm. The USBC defines a farm building/ 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 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.

Affidavit:

By completing the following affidavit, you are swearing that the proposed structure meets the farm structure exemption of the USBC. 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. The structure is not exempt from other laws, regulations and ordinances, including the Amherst County Zoning Ordinance and the Amherst County Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance.

Address of Property: _____

I, (please print) _____, state that I have read and understand the above, and affirm that the structure proposed to be built qualifies as a farm structure as defined by the USBC.

Signature: _____ Date: _____