

Agricultural Building Exemption Form

PROPERTY / SITE INFORMATION

_____ Municipality

_____ County

_____ Tax Parcel I.D.

_____ Official use only [date stamp]

Location of Property where Proposed Agriculture Building: (Complete Street City Zip)

Clearly Define Size of Structure and Intended Use:

NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION OF THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY:

_____ Print Full Name

_____ Phone (Cell and/or Land line)

_____ Email Address

_____ Complete Mailing Address:

_____ Street/P.O. Box

_____ City

_____ State

_____ Zip

OWNER SECTION: (To be completed only by the property or building owner)

1. I certify and acknowledge that the proposed building intended to be erected or constructed at the above location meets the definition of an "agricultural building" as defined below by the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code 35 Pa Code 7210.103. I also acknowledge that I am responsible to obtain a Building Permit, Municipal Land Use Permit and all other approvals as required should the use or occupancy of the building be changed and when no longer being utilized as an agricultural building.
2. I hereby certify that I am the owner of the property listed on Section "B" of this Application. I understand that submission of this form grants authorized representatives of the municipality access to this property to inspect the structure(s) under construction.

_____ Owner Name (Print)

_____ Owner Signature

_____ Date

State of _____ County of _____

On this _____ day of _____, 20____, before me, a Notary Public, the undersigned officer, appeared

_____, Known to me, or satisfactorily proven, to be the person(s) whose name(s) is (are) subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged that he / she or they executed that same for the purposes herein contained.

In Witness Whereof, I hereto set my hand and official seal: _____

► An Agricultural exemption of a structure is limited to those defined under 35 Pa Code 7210.103 as follows: ◀

"Agricultural building." A structure utilized to store farm implements, hay, feed, grain or other agricultural or horticultural products or to house poultry, livestock or other farm animals and a milk house. The term includes a carriage house owned and used by members of a recognized religious sect for the purposes of housing horses and storing buggies. The term shall not include habitable space or spaces in which agricultural products are processed, treated or packaged and shall not be construed to mean a place of occupancy by the general public.

- It is important to note that buildings containing areas that agricultural products are processed, packaged, or treated are NOT exempt from the Code.
- Also any space that is used to conduct business, such as an office, or places of occupancy that could be open to the general public must be permitted and meet all Code requirements.

RECREATIONAL CABIN AND AGRICULTURAL EXEMPTION GUIDANCE DOCUMENT AND LIST OF REQUIREMENTS

RECREATIONAL CABIN

- Land Use Permit
- PMCA 2 page Building Permit Application
- Plot Drawing – (Show location and distances of proposed structure in proximity to all other improvements, utility lines, easements, right of ways and property lines)
- Recreation Cabin Affidavit (required)

This property may be used for recreational activities only. The property may not be used now or any time in the future as a domicile or residence by you or any other person even if the property is sold. Pennsylvania State Law (35PS 7210.104(b1)(1)) requires a notation be placed on the deed at time of sale. It is also required that you make this notation on all sales agreements. The Recreational Cabin may not be used for any commercial purposes. It may never exceed two stories in height, excluding the basement, if any. It cannot be used as a place of employment. It may not be used as a mailing address for bills or correspondence. It cannot be used as a place or residence on a tax return, driver's license, vehicle registration, or voter registration.

You must install At Least One Smoke Detector, One Fire Extinguisher and one Carbon Monoxide Detector in both the kitchen and sleeping quarters.

AG EXEMPTION

- Land Use Permit
- PMCA 2 page Building Permit Application
- Plot Drawing – (Show location and distances of proposed structure in proximity to all other improvements, utility lines, easements, right of ways and property lines)
- Ag Exemption Affidavit – NOT a requirement but nice to have on record
- The Schedule F is NOT a requirement but nice to have

Once constructed under this exemption the use of the structure is limited to those defined under 35 Pa Code 7210.103 as follows:

"Agricultural building." A structure utilized to store farm implements, hay, feed, grain or other agricultural or horticultural products or to house poultry, livestock or other farm animals, a milk house and a structure used to grow mushrooms. The term includes a carriage house owned and used by members of a recognized religious sect for the purposes of housing horses and storing buggies. The term shall not include habitable space or spaces in which agricultural products are processed, treated or packaged and shall not be construed to mean a place of occupancy by the general public. Some key words here are those that specifically define the agricultural use of the structure. The storage of automobiles, use as a workshop, or for anything other than agricultural implements (not for hire), housing of animals other than livestock (wildlife, companion animals, etc. For example or the use as a kennel), use as office space or additional living or habitable space, the installation of any feature that would turn the structure into habitable space all are items which would violate your agricultural exemption and void the current approval.

Any such use is a change of approved occupancy and requires application for and approval of a Change of Use or Occupancy from the municipal Building Code Official prior to commencement of the activity or use. Such a change of use or occupancy would require compliance with whatever the current code is at the time of application. This compliance determination will require that the current code administrator then evaluate the structures design and construction as well as the intended use to determine code compliance.

Violation of any of the above conditions constitutes a criminal offence in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania under 35 Pa Code 7210.903, with each day becoming a new violation.

PMCA Office Locations: Office Hours: Mon to Fri 8 am to 4 pm

Chambersburg Office: 405 Wayne Ave. Chambersburg, PA 17201 Phone: 717 496-4996

Bedford Office: 125 S. Richard Street, Suite 102, Bedford, PA 15522 Phone: 814 310-2326

Somerset Office: 318 Georgian Place, Somerset, PA 15501 Phone: 814 444-6112

County of Blair, Pa.

MUNICIPALITY OF CATHARINE TWP.

Permit Number: _____

Date: _____

Code Number: _____

Permit Charge: _____

Address or Location of Property: _____

Name of Owner: _____ Address: _____

Name of Person/Company Doing Work: _____

PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT

Estimated Starting Date: _____ Estimated Completion Date: _____

Cost of construction, including any self labor: _____

Signature of Applicant

Secretary

THIS PERMIT ONLY VALID FOR ONE YEAR FROM DATE

Pursuant to Catharine Township (Blair Co) Ordinance 2004-1, 6/8/2004 all construction which is exempt from the provisions and requirements of the Uniform Construction Code, pursuant to all the provisions of the Uniform Construction Code and the regulations enacted in accordance therewith, must be reported by the owner, contractor and/or builder to Catharine Township prior to the commencement of the construction. Notice of the completion of the construction shall also be provided to the Township. Any owner, contractor and/or builder engaging in any construction for which permitting is not required by the Uniform Construction Code must nevertheless provide notice to the Township of the construction which shall include a description of the work to be done, the building to be constructed, and the estimated value and/or cost of the work/building.

CATHARINE TOWNSHIP (BLAIR CO)
PA UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE (UCC) – AGRICULTURAL BUILDING AFFIDAVIT

This form has been developed to apply for the exclusion of agricultural structures from the requirements of the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code – Act 45. It should be filled out in its entirety then submitted to the municipality (Catharine Township – Blair Co.) in which the structure will be constructed and/or occupied.

Submission of this form does not necessarily satisfy all local ordinances or Uniform Construction Code requirements. Be sure to contact your local municipal authority having jurisdiction to verify the aforementioned information.

Owner Information

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Township: _____

County: _____

Project Information

Type and Use of Building/Structure: _____

Size of Structure: _____

Address: _____

Township: _____

County: _____

Owner Affidavit Certification

I hereby certify that the building/structure described above will be utilized to store farm implements and equipment, hay, feed, grain, or other agricultural or horticultural products, to house poultry, livestock, other farm animals or as a milk house. The description also includes a carriage house owned and used by members of a recognized religious sect for the purposes of housing horses and storing buggies. I acknowledge no part of the building/structure shall be used as habitable space, for occupancy by the general public or the processing, treating or packaging of agricultural products.

By signing this document below, the owner shall accept full responsibility and liability in conjunction with the above listed project and will be subject to any associated penalty for providing falsified information or for violating any provision of the Law in accordance with the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code – Act 45.

Owner Print Name: _____

Owner Signature: _____

Date: _____

IX. Site or Plot Plan - For Applicant Use

A large grid of graph paper, consisting of 20 columns and 30 rows of small squares, intended for drawing a site or plot plan.

The Department will not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, sex, religion, age, national origin, color, marital status, disability, or political beliefs. If you need help with reading, writing, hearing, etc., under the Americans with Disabilities Act, you may make your needs known to this agency.