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Permit # _____

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

In accordance with Section 101.4 of the September 15, 2000 amendment to the 1996 Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (Va. USBC), farm buildings or structures are exempt from regulation by the VA. USBC. As such, the Building Code Office requires no inspections, and none will be performed. Also, issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy is not required, and none will be issued.

Farm Building Structure:

A farm building or structure is any structure, not used for residential purposes, located on a farm, which is utilized primarily for a) the storage, handling, production, display, sampling, or sale of agricultural, horticultural, floricultural, or silvicultural products produced on the farm; or b) sheltering, raising, handling, processing or sale of agricultural animals or agricultural animal products; or c) business or office uses related to the farm operations; or d) use of farm machinery or equipment, or maintenance or storage of vehicles, machinery equipment of the farm; or e) storage or use of supplies and materials used on the farm; or f) implementation of the best management practices associated with farm operations.

A building or a portion of a building located on a farm is operated as a restaurant as defined in Section 35.1-1 of the Code of Virginia and licensed as such by the Board of Health under Chapter 2 (Section 35.1-11 et seq.) of the 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: _____ Date: _____

Co-Owner: _____ Date: _____