



# ALEXANDER COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING

151 W Main Ave, Taylorsville, NC 28681

## BONA FIDE FARM EXEMPTION AFFIDAVIT

Please fill out all information below

APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT ADDRESS (if different than site): \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY OWNER (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

SITE ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PIN#: \_\_\_\_\_ PARCEL ID# \_\_\_\_\_

SIZE OF PROPERTY (sq ft/acres): \_\_\_\_\_

A property must qualify as a bona fide farm to be exempt from zoning and building regulations. For purposes of determining whether a property qualifies as a bona fide farm, any of the following shall constitute as sufficient evidence:

- A farm sales tax exemption certificate issued by the Department of Revenue.
- A copy of the property tax listing showing that the property is eligible for participation in the present-use value program pursuant to G.S. 105-277.3.
- A copy of the farm owner's or operator's Schedule F from the owner or operator's most recent federal income tax return.
- A forest management plan.

Please indicate above which item from the above list is present. **Evidence of the above information must be attached to this document.**

### DESCRIPTION OF STRUCTURE, INCLUDING INTENDED USE:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- Will this building have electric, plumbing, or heating/air installed? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO
  - If yes, describe: \_\_\_\_\_
- Will this building be open to or used by the public? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO
  - If yes, in what capacity: \_\_\_\_\_
- Will this building have bedroom(s)/sleeping room(s)/overnight stays \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO
  - If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_
- Will this building have a bathroom? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO
  - If yes, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

A building or structure that is used for agritourism is a bona fide farm purpose if the building or structure is located on a property that (i) is owned by a person who holds a qualifying farm sales tax exemption certificate from the Department of Revenue pursuant to G.S. 105-164.13E(a) or (ii) is enrolled in the present-use value program pursuant to G.S. 105-277.3. Failure to maintain the requirements of this subsection for a period of three years after the date the building or structure was originally classified as a bona fide farm purpose pursuant to this subsection subjects the building or structure to applicable zoning and development regulation ordinances adopted by a county pursuant to G.S. 160D-702 in effect on the date the property no longer meets the requirements of this subsection. For purposes of this section, "agritourism" means any activity carried out on a farm or ranch that allows members of the general public, for recreational, entertainment, or educational purposes, to view or enjoy rural activities, including farming, ranching, historic, cultural, harvest-your-own activities, hunting, fishing, equestrian activities, or natural activities and attractions. A building or structure used for agritourism includes any building or structure used for public or private events, including, but not limited to, weddings, receptions, meetings, demonstrations of farm activities, meals, and other events that are taking place on the farm because of its farm or rural setting.

- Will agritourism activities, as described above, take place on the property? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

- If yes, describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, the applicant agrees that all statements in and attachments to this application are a true description of the existing parcel and bona fide farm use activity. The applicant understands that any deviation from the intended bona fide farm use zoning exemption may constitute a violation of the LDC and the North Carolina State Building Code. The County reserves the right to inspect the property or revoke the farm use exemption at any time. The applicant also understands that all structures must be located outside of riparian buffers. Furthermore, if the structure is located in the floodplain, a Floodplain Development Permit will be required.

- Printed Landowner Name \_\_\_\_\_
- Landowner Signature \_\_\_\_\_
- Date \_\_\_\_\_

North Carolina

Alexander County

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a Notary Public for said county and state, certify that \_\_\_\_\_ appeared before me this day and acknowledge the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and notary seal, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Notary Public

**STAFF USE ONLY – APPLICANT: DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE**

**Zoning District:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Township:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Setbacks:** Front: \_\_\_\_\_ Rear: \_\_\_\_\_ Side: \_\_\_\_\_ Street Side \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Watershed Classification:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Floodplain Classification:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Maximum BUA:** \_\_\_\_\_ **BFE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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APPROVED / DENIED Staff Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Permit #: \_\_\_\_\_