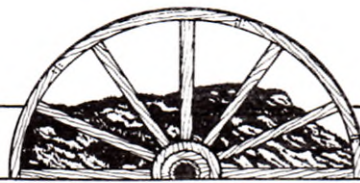


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FARM AGRICULTURE EQUINE [AGE] EXEMPTION CERTIFICATION

Authorized Agriculture Building Exemption: State law (ORS 455.315) allows exemption from the requirement for a building permit and inspections under the Oregon State Structural Specialty Code if the property and use meets requirements.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Owner/Applicant name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Twtnshp/Rnge/Tax lot: _____

Job site address: _____

Mailing address: _____

Directions to site: _____

PROPOSED BUILDING INFORMATIONType of Exemption Requested ☐ AG ☐ Forest Op ☐ Equine ☐ Dog training facility1. Will the structure be used by the public at any time? ☐ Yes ☐ No2. What is the proposed maximum number of people that will be present in the building at any one time?

Describe the intended use, items contained within, and square footage of the proposed building. (Be specific)

3. Will the structure be located within a floodplain? ☐ Yes ☐ No4. Will the structure be located on the same property as the farm or forestry op? ☐ Yes ☐ No5. Will the structure be used as a residence? ☐ Yes ☐ NoWhich of the following systems will the proposed structure have? **A BUILDING PERMIT is required for each of these five systems.**☐ Electrical ☐ Mechanical ☐ Boiler ☐ Plumbing ☐ Septic

If Electrical is checked, please fill in add'l information relating to electrical wiring criteria

ELECTRICAL WIRING CRITERIAa. Will there be a concrete slab either within or adjacent to the building? ☐ Yes ☐ Nob. Will there be farm animals (poultry excluded) within the building at any time? ☐ Yes ☐ Noc. Will there be farm animals (poultry excluded) on the slab at any time? ☐ Yes ☐ Nod. Will the building be used for storage of feed, hay, or straw? ☐ Yes ☐ Noe. Will the the building be used for major repair of motor vehicle equipment? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Check which of the following uses apply to your building:

☐ Storage, maintenance, repair of farm or forestry machinery & equipment.☐ Raising, harvesting, and selling of crops or forest products.☐ Feeding, breeding, management, and sale of, or the produce of livestock, poultry, furbearing animals, or honeybees.☐ Dairying and sale of dairy products.☐ Other agricultural, forestry, horticultural use, or animal husbandry use.☐ Stabling, training, riding lessons, or clinics*

*If checked, please fill in add'l information

EQUINE EXEMPTION CRITERIA

of stalls/horses:

of stalls/horses for personal use only:

stalls/horses used for commercial or trade purposes:

☐ Dog training facility**Required Attachments:**

1) A site plan

2) Structural sketch(es) of the exterior and interior of the structure showing openings, dimensions, # of levels

3) You may be required to provide proof of farm or forestry use

CERTIFICATION

I, _____, do hereby swear and affirm that my statements are true and correct. I further affirm that the structure will be located on property used for a farm or forestry operation and will be used in the operation of the farm or forestry operation as defined by State Statute. I understand and acknowledge that should the subject building be converted* to a non-agricultural use (e.g., garage, home-occupancy, etc.) I will obtain a building permit prior to such conversion. Failure to obtain appropriate permits may result in action to enforce the applicable building codes for such structure and use, including civil penalties. I understand that a post-occupancy inspection may be made to assure continuing compliance with the agriculture building requirements. *I understand a building used for forestry operations cannot be converted.

Signature of owner/authorized agent

Date

Print Name

OFFICIAL USE ONLY (Not valid until all signatures approved)

☐ Approved	☐ Denied	☐ Approved	☐ Denied		
Print name: Zoning	Signature	Date	Print name: Inspector	Signature	Date
			Print name: Permit Tech	Signature	Date



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Regarding Agricultural Exempt Buildings

What is required to apply

- Agricultural Exemption application,
- Site Plan
- Structural sketch of the building showing the interior rooms and their uses, exterior elevations and dimensions, openings, and levels

Qualification

- Farm or forest assessment by the Assessor/Tax Collector's office

Before an agricultural exempt permit can be issued, the Planning Department must first determine if the property is located on a farm or forest property.

Only structures located on a parcel that has a farm or forest operation qualify for the exemption.

Only structures used for farm or forestry are exempt.

FARM means any facility, including the land, buildings, watercourses and appurtenances thereto, **used in the commercial production** of crops, nursery stock, livestock, poultry, livestock products, poultry products, vermiculture products or the propagation and raising of nursery stock [ORS 39.930]. This is land used for the primary purpose of obtaining a profit in money through farming.

FOREST OPERATION Any commercial activity relating to the growing or harvesting or any forest tree species as defined in ORS 527.620(6). An agricultural building that is permitted in relation to a forest operation cannot be converted to another use.

An agricultural exemption can also be issued for an equine facility or a dog training facility if they are located on a farm.

EQUINE FACILITY is a building located on a farm and used by the farm owner or the public for stabling or training equines, for riding lessons and training clinics.

DOG TRAINING FACILITY is a building located on a farm and used for dog training classes or testing trials permitted under ORS 215.213

An agricultural exemption cannot be issued for:

- a dwelling,
- a residential accessory structure such as a garage or shop,
- a structure in which 10 or more people are present at any one time (except for structures used for growing plants),
- a structure regulated by the State Fire Marshal pursuant to ORS Chapter 476,
- a structure used by the public, or a structure in a floodplain.

An agricultural exemption applies only to a building permit, and does not apply to electrical, plumbing, and mechanical installations. If an agricultural building goes through a change of occupancy later, a standard building permit and inspections will have to be obtained. Only those structures approved for a farm use may be converted for another use in the future.

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