



# EXEMPTION REQUEST FOR BONA FIDE FARM PURPOSE

Property must be used for bona fide farm purpose to be exempt from obtaining a building permit. For purposes of determining whether a property is being used for bona fide farm purposes, any of the following shall constitute sufficient evidence that the property is being used for bona fide farm purposes:

- a. A farm sales tax exemption certificate issued by the Department of Revenue.
- b. 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.
- c. A copy of the farm owner's or operator's Schedule F from the owner or operator's most recent federal income tax return.
- d. A forest management plan.

Please indicate which item from the above list is present:      a  b  c  d

### Property Information:

Landowner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Landowner Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own multiple parcels in Chatham County?      YES       NO

Parcel number where the building will be located: \_\_\_\_\_

Acreage of property where building will be located: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there an existing residence on this property?      YES       NO

Is a well or septic system existing or permitted on the property?      YES       NO

If yes, a permit from Environmental Health will be required.

### Structure Information:

Indicate use of the building/structure? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the size of the building/structure? \_\_\_\_\_

Will this building have electric, plumbing or heating/air installed?      YES       NO

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

Will the building be open to or used by the public?      YES       NO

If yes, in what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

Will the building have bedroom(s)/ sleeping room(s)/overnight stays?      YES       NO

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

Will this building have a bathroom?      YES       NO

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 farmer 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 purpose pursuant to this subdivision shall subject the building or structure to applicable zoning and development regulation ordinances adopted by a county pursuant to subsection (a) of this section 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, 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.

Electrical systems are never exempt from requirements of NC Building Code.

Printed Landowner Name \_\_\_\_\_

Landowner Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED:** Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED:** Best Contact Ph No. \_\_\_\_\_

North Carolina  
Chatham 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public

\*\*\*\*\*FOR OFFICE USE ONLY\*\*\*\*\*

**Environmental Health approval (attached, if applicable)**

**Planning:**

Exemption APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Date

Exemption NOT APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name, Date and Determination Details

**Central Permitting:**

Exemption APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Date

Exemption NOT APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name, Date and Determination Details