

Farm Building Exemption Request Form

To: _____
Municipality Name (Print)

Re: _____
Name of Owner (Print)

Description of Project (Print)

Building Use

Civic Address or Land location of Project Site (Print)

I/We request an exemption from *The Construction Codes Act* (CCA) for the construction of a farm building.

Does the building contain a residential occupancy (sleeping accommodations)?

YES _____ (initials) → **Construction Standards apply to that building.**

NO _____ (initials) → **Is the building located on land used for an agricultural operation as defined in *The Agricultural Operations Act*?**

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YES _____ (initials) → **Is the building used for the following purposes:**

- the housing of livestock,
- the production, storage or processing of primary agricultural and horticultural crops or feeds,
- the housing, storage or maintenance of equipment or machinery associated with an agricultural operation, or
- any other prescribed means*?

NO _____ (initials) → **Construction Standards apply to that building.**

YES _____ (initials) → **Is the building assessed as one of the following classes:**

- commercial/industrial,
- elevators or
- railway rights of way and pipeline?

NO _____ (initials) → **Is the building:**

- used for Cannabis production, processing, wholesale or distribution, or
- used for beverage alcohol manufacture, sale, storage, wholesale or delivery?

YES _____ (initials) → **Construction Standards apply to that building.**

NO _____ (initials) → **The building is classified as a farm building**

*Prescribed means any other definition as provided in either the Building Code or Energy Code Regulations
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The following items must be submitted with this form for consideration for an exemption:

☐ Site Plan ☐ Floor plans ☐ Documentation proving there is an existing farm operation.

If the building is to be used for another use or assessed as another use by the municipality, I/we agree to obtain a building permit for the change of use/occupancy and make all required changes to the building at our cost. I/We agree this may include removing materials to ensure compliance, providing engineered designs upon request, complying with orders, ensuring all required inspections are scheduled and completed, or removing the building.

Signature of Registered Owner

Date

Definitions:

The As per *The Agricultural Operations Act*; "agricultural operation" means an agricultural operation:

(i) that is carried out on a farm, in the expectation of gain or reward, including:

- (A) cultivating land;
- (B) producing agricultural crops, including hay and forage;
- (C) producing horticultural crops, including vegetables, fruit, mushrooms, sod, trees, shrubs, flowers, greenhouse crops and specialty crops;
- (D) raising all classes of livestock, horses, poultry, fur-bearing animals, game birds and game animals, bees and fish;
- (E) carrying on an intensive livestock operation;
- (F) producing eggs, milk, honey and other animal products;
- (G) operating agricultural machinery and equipment, including irrigation pumps and noise-scare devices;
- (H) conducting any process necessary to prepare a farm product for distribution from the farm gate;
- (I) storing, handling and applying fertilizer, manure, organic wastes, soil amendments and pesticides, including both ground and aerial application;
- (J) any other prescribed agricultural activity or process; or

(ii) that is prescribed as an agricultural operation for the purposes of this Act

The CCA Regulations further clarifies that a building can not be defined as a farm building if:

- (a) the building is used in the production, processing, wholesaling or distribution of cannabis as defined in *The Cannabis Act (Canada)* or *The Cannabis Control (Saskatchewan) Act*;
- (b) the building is used for the manufacture, sale, storage, wholesale or delivery of beverage alcohol as authorized by *The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Act, 1997*; or
- (c) the building is classified for assessment purposes in one of the following classes:
 - (i) commercial and industrial;
 - (ii) elevators;
 - (iii) railway rights of way and pipeline.