

Bear Creek Township

Building Department

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Agricultural Affidavit

DATE:

OWNER NAME:

ADDRESS:

RE: PROPERTY ADDRESS: _____

PARCEL NO. 24-01- _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

The State Construction Code Act defines a **building** as a combination of materials, whether portable or fixed, forming a structure affording a facility or shelter for use or occupancy by persons, animals, or property. **The term does not include a building incidental to the use for agricultural purposes of the land on which the building is located if it is not used in the business of retail trade.** The term shall be construed as though followed by the words "or part or parts of the building and all equipment in the building" unless the context clearly requires a different meaning.

The State Construction Code Act defines **agricultural or agricultural purposes** as means of, or pertaining to, or connected with, or engaged in agriculture or tillage which is characterized by the act or business of cultivating or using land and soil for the production of crops for use of animals or humans, and includes, but is not limited to, purposes related to agriculture, farming, dairying, pasturage, horticulture, floriculture, viticulture, and animal and poultry husbandry.

By exempting *agricultural purposes* from the Act's definition of *building*, the Act eliminates the requirement that construction permits be obtained for the construction of buildings **as long as an agricultural purpose is occurring on the parcel of land upon which the building is located, and the building is being used solely for an agricultural purpose, and the building is not being used in the business of retail trade.**

Notwithstanding, the exemption from permitting does not constitute an authorization of any construction work that violates the Act, applicable building codes, or other applicable laws.

By signing this Affidavit, I affirm that I am the owner of the above-described property, that I have read this Affidavit and understand it, and that the building identified herein is being used solely for agricultural purposes as defined by the State Construction Code Act and described as follows:

I understand that use of the building other than as stated in this Affidavit will require the filing of a new Affidavit or compliance with the building permit requirements in the Act and applicable building codes.

I consent to unscheduled inspections by Bear Creek Township building officials to verify the agricultural use of the building in the event Bear Creek Township receives a credible written complaint giving it reason to believe that the building is not being used in compliance with this Affidavit and the State Construction Code Act.

Owner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Accepted by: _____ Date: _____

Township Representative