



## DECLARATION OF USE – FARM BUILDING EXEMPTION

Farm buildings shall meet and adhere to all the definitions and exemptions within the National Building Code (AE), *Safety Codes Act*, *Agricultural Operation Practices Act*, and the *Land Use Bylaw*.

**Details of the farm building occupancy (choose yes if applicable):**

What is the total occupant load? (# of people): _____		
Low Human Occupancy – Less than one person per 40 m <sup>2</sup> (430.6 sf)	Yes	No
Housing livestock, the storage of feed for livestock	Yes	No
Storing, sorting, grading, or growing agricultural products associated with the agricultural operation	Yes	No
Secondary processing of agricultural products (e.g. producing a new product)	Yes	No
Storing or maintaining machinery and/or equipment associated with the agricultural operation	Yes	No
Horse riding arena, exercise or training facility not used by the public (Private riding arena)	Yes	No
Will the building be open to the public or provide retail sales to the public?	Yes	No
Provide a brief description of the use of the building:		

**Details of the farm building occupancy to support an agricultural operation (choose yes if applicable):**

Cultivating land	Yes	No
Raising livestock, including diversified livestock animals within the meaning of the Livestock Industry Diversification Act and poultry	Yes	No
Raising fur-bearing animals, pheasants, or fish	Yes	No
Producing agricultural field crops	Yes	No
Producing fruit, vegetables, sod, trees, shrubs, and other specialty horticultural crops	Yes	No
Producing eggs and milk	Yes	No
Producing honey	Yes	No
Operating agricultural machinery and equipment, including irrigation pumps	Yes	No
Applying fertilizers, insecticides, pesticides, fungicides, and herbicides, including application by ground and aerial spraying, for agricultural purposes	Yes	No
Collecting, transporting, storing, applying, using, transferring, and/or disposing manure, composting materials, and/or compost	Yes	No
Abandoning and reclaiming confined feeding operations and manure storage facilities	Yes	No
Cannabis cultivation including growing, harvesting and packaging of base product (no processing)	Yes	No
Cannabis processing including growing, harvesting and /or processing and packaging	Yes	No

I understand and confirm that the building shall not be used for any other occupancy without first obtaining a Building Permit and/or Development permit from Rocky View County, and that this declaration is a condition of the Farm Building Exemption.

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Print Name

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Signature

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Date

## DEFINITIONS

### NATIONAL BUILDING CODE – ALBERTA EDITION

1.1.1.1. Application of this Code 5) This Code does not apply to a) a building of low human occupancy associated with the operation of the farm or acreage on which it is located, where the building is used for the i) housing of livestock, ii) storage or maintenance of equipment, or iii) storage of materials or produce,

**A-1.1.1.1.(5)(a) Farm and Acreage Buildings.** Farm and acreage buildings include, but are not limited to, produce storage facilities, livestock and poultry housing, milking centers, manure storage facilities, grain bins, silos, feed preparation centers, farm workshops, and horse riding, exercise and training facilities not used by the public.

### SAFETY CODES ACT - PERMIT REGULATION

**Farm building** means a building located on agricultural land as defined in the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act* that is occupied for an agricultural operation as defined in the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act*, including, but not limited to, (i) housing livestock, (ii) storing, sorting, grading or bulk packaging of agricultural products that have not undergone secondary processing, and (iii) housing, storing or maintaining machinery that is undertaken in the building.

### AGRICULTURAL OPERATION PRACTICES ACT

**Agricultural land** means (i) land the use of which for agriculture is either a permitted or discretionary use under the land use bylaw of the municipality or Metis settlement in which the land is situated or is permitted pursuant to section 643 of the *Municipal Government Act*, (ii) land that is subject to an approval, registration or authorization, or (iii) land described in an ALSA regional plan, or in a conservation easement, conservation directive or TDC scheme as those terms are defined in the *Alberta Land Stewardship Act*, that is protected, conserved or enhanced as agricultural land or land for agricultural purposes.

**Agricultural operation** means an agricultural activity conducted on agricultural land for gain or reward or in the hope or expectation of gain or reward, and includes (i) the cultivation of land, (ii) the raising of livestock, including diversified livestock animals within the meaning of the *Livestock Industry Diversification Act* and poultry, (iii) the raising of fur-bearing animals, pheasants or fish, (iv) the production of agricultural field crops, (v) the production of fruit, vegetables, sod, trees, shrubs and other specialty horticultural crops, (vi) the production of eggs and milk, (vii) the production of honey, (viii) the operation of agricultural machinery and equipment, including irrigation pumps, (ix) the application of fertilizers, insecticides, pesticides, fungicides and herbicides, including application by ground and aerial spraying, for agricultural purposes, (x) the collection, transportation, storage, application, use, transfer and disposal of manure, composting materials and compost, and (xi) the abandonment and reclamation of confined feeding operations and manure storage facilities.