

Butler County Zoning Agricultural Exemption Application

The State of Iowa has given Iowa counties the authority to develop zoning regulations for their unincorporated areas, however, the State recognizes that farms should be able to operate relatively free from local restrictions, as provided by Iowa Code Section 335.2, Farms Exempt. *Except to the extent required to implement section 335.27, no ordinance adopted under this chapter applies to land, farm houses, farm barns, farm outbuildings or other buildings or structures which are primarily adapted, by reason of nature and area, for use for agricultural purposes, while so used. However, the ordinances may apply to any structure, building, dam, obstruction, deposit or excavation in or on the flood plains of any river or stream.* In order to qualify for the agricultural exemption, it must be clearly demonstrated that the principal use of the land and the proposed structure(s) is agricultural-related. This form must be attached to the building permit application in order to be considered for this exemption.

Complete the following information if the proposed construction is a dwelling or an addition/remodel to a dwelling
In order to qualify for the exemption as a farm house, the occupants must be engaged in agricultural as defined. Please provide a detailed answer as appropriate to the following questions. Attach additional sheets if necessary. Engaged in agriculture shall include but not be limited to any of the following:

In what capacity is the applicant involved in the farming operation?
 Owner Operator Manager Other _____

Does the applicant file a Schedule F with their income tax return? Yes No

How many tillable acres does the applicant own? _____ Rent? _____

How many head of livestock does the applicant raise? _____ Number of Acres in Pasture? _____

Describe what your active role is relating to the agricultural activities that take place in the operation:

Describe the average number of hours per week that you dedicate towards the agricultural activities on an annual basis:

Complete the following information for Storage Buildings and Barns

Primary use of the structure (what will be stored or kept in the structure, i.e. farm tractor, combine, agricultural chemicals, see, hay):

Describe agricultural purpose of the structure:

Describe the percentage of the structure that will be utilized for the agricultural purpose described above:

I hereby acknowledge that should the use of the land or buildings change, or are discovered to not qualify under the exemption; such use shall be subject to the zoning regulations of Butler County, Iowa. To the best of my knowledge, the foregoing information is true and correct. I hereby give my consent to the Zoning Administrator for reasonable access to conduct a site inspection of the property for the purpose of reviewing the request for exemption as described in this application.

Applicant or Agent for Applicant **Date**

Office Use Only

After having reviewed the above provided information, it has been determined that the described construction:

Will be exempt **Will not be exempt**

Butler County Zoning Administrator **Date**

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