



Florence County
Planning Department
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AGRICULTURE EXEMPTION

Form
AE-2026-06

SITE TMS:	
SITE ADDRESS:	
OWNER NAME:	
OWNER ADDRESS:	
OWNER TELEPHONE:	EMAIL:

I, _____, acknowledge the information below:
Print name

South Carolina Code of Law Sec. 6-9-65 exempts farm structures from compliance with statewide mandated building codes. You have been issued an agriculture permit based upon information that you have provided to the Building Dept. While we do not impose codes on these projects, we suggest you use modern construction practices to protect your property and yourself.

State Law

SECTION 6-9-65. Regulation of construction or improvement of farm structure; authority to issue building permits.

(A) For purpose of this section. "farm structure" means a structure which is constructed on a farm, other than a residence or a structure attached to it, for use on the farm including, but not limited to, barns, sheds, and poultry houses, but not public livestock areas. For purposes of this section, "farm structure" does not include a structure originally qualifying as a "farm structure" but later converted to another use.

(B) The governing body of a county or municipality may not enforce that portion of a nationally recognized building code which regulates the construction or improvement of a farm structure. The standards published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the National Flood Insurance Program shall apply.

(C) The provisions of this section do not apply unless, before constructing a farm structure, the person owning the property on which the structure is to be constructed files an affidavit with the county or municipal official responsible for enforcing the building code stating that the structure is being constructed as a farm structure. The affidavit must include a statement of purpose or intended use of the proposed structure or addition.

(D) This section does not affect the authority of the governing body of a county or municipality to issue building permits before the construction or improvement of a farm structure.

In accordance with South Carolina of Laws Sec. 6-9-65-(A), if at any time the use of such exempt structures changes from agriculture as defined by code, then numerous other codes and regulations will apply. Such as a change in use often requires the owner to retain a design professional to review the construction and submit various documentation and plans for the review of this office in accordance with current state codes. At such time, new permits and some retrofitting will likely be needed in order for the building to comply with the codes applicable to the new intended use.

Applicant Signature	Date

NOTICE TO ALL UTILITIES PROVIDERS

The owner has provided a written affidavit that the structure located at the above-mentioned location will be used for agriculture purposes only, as defined in S.C. Code 6-29-65, "barns, sheds, and poultry houses, but not public livestock areas."

This structure is exempt from compliance with the building codes. Therefore, the structure and its electrical service and systems have not been inspected, and this office cannot attest to their safety or measure of code compliance.

Florence County reserves the right to order the electrical service to be removed if it is later found that the structure or electrical systems are used for any purpose other than that which is defined in S.C. Code 6-29-65. This department authorizes the electrical utility to connect electrical service to this structure at their own discretion and only for agricultural uses.

Applicant Initials _____