

# Farm Use Declaration

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## DECLARATION OF STRUCTURE FOR FARM USE ONLY

I/We \_\_\_\_\_ being the registered land owner(s) of the property on:

**Legal description** Lot \_\_\_\_\_ Block \_\_\_\_\_ Plan \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable) Quarter \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Township \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_ west of the 4<sup>th</sup> meridian

Do make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that the structure described as:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

shall solely be used as a **farm building**.

A **"Farm Building"** is described as follows:

- Proposals in this category shall not contain residential or commercial occupancy';
- Proposed land location is within an Agricultural Use or Rural Use District;
- Proposed building is used for the storage of equipment, materials or produce directly associated with the operation of the farm, or for housing livestock or poultry, milking centres, farm workshops, storing, sorting, grading or bulk packaging of primary agricultural products.
- **Does not include Greenhouses or Riding Arenas with public access.**

**Set back requirements must be met according to Land Use Bylaw No. 675/07:**

Example: Zoning Agricultural

- (a) Minimum Front Yards
  - (i) Municipal Road – 38.1 m (125 ft.) from the centre line of the road.
- (b) Minimum Side Yards – 18.3 m (60 ft.), or as required by the Development Authority.
- (c) Minimum Rear Yards - 18.3 m (60 ft.), or as required by the Development Authority.

**Note:** Adjacent to Provincial Highways, Alberta Transportation may require greater setbacks for development. Contact Alberta Transportation regarding their requirements in this regard.

**I/We also understand and agree that if the use of the structure changes to be used for a purpose other than a "Farm Building", the landowner(s) will be required to take out a Development Permit and a Building Permit, and will be required to bring the building standards of the structure up to the current Alberta Building Code requirements at that time for the new "use" being proposed.**

Signed at the Town/County of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Province of Alberta,  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

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Signature(s) Landowner(s)

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## THE APPLICATION OF THE ALBERTA BUILDING CODE TO BUILDINGS LOCATED ON FARMS

This Information Bulletin clarifies the meaning of the term *farm building*. The Alberta Building Code does not apply to *farm buildings* with the exception of the buildings listed in section 2.

### 1. Farm Buildings

A *farm building* is a building that

- does not contain a residential occupancy,
- is located on land used as a farm, or is zoned for agricultural use and directly supports the primary farm operation,
- has a low occupant load, and
- is not used or occupied by, or expected to be used or occupied by, the public or persons, other than the farmer or farmers that own the building, their immediate family, and/or their employees, that may be in the building from time to time,

and the building is used for

- housing livestock,
- storing, sorting, grading or bulk packaging primary agricultural products, or
- housing, storing or maintaining machinery associated with the operation of the farm on which it is located.

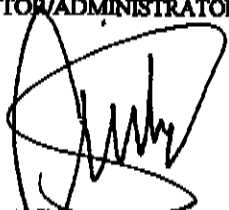
Note: Appendix A of the Alberta Building Code and the National Farm Building Code of Canada may be referred to for additional information.

### 2. Exceptions

Part 7 of the Alberta Building Code only applies to *farm buildings* used as abattoirs, meat processing plants, or dairy manufacturing plants (dairy manufacturing plant is defined in the Alberta Building Code).

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### **3. Professional Engineering**

Alberta Municipal Affairs and the Safety Codes Council strongly recommend *farm buildings* that

- use structural spans exceeding the span tables included in the Alberta Building Code,
- use non-traditional construction techniques,
- are not constructed primarily of wood, or
- can be considered complex structures because of unique design, geophysical, environmental or process-related conditions,

be designed and their construction inspected by a professional engineer who is a member in good standing with the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta.

### **4. The National Farm Building Code of Canada**

The National Farm Building Code of Canada may be used as a guide to good design and construction for *farm buildings* but it is not a mandatory code in Alberta. Design criteria for some aspects of *farm buildings*, like grain, silage and livestock loads are not readily available from sources other than the National Farm Building Code of Canada.