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Agricultural Exempt Policy for the Building and Zoning Office

Grundy County follows the State of Illinois requirements for Ag Exempt properties as described in 55 ILCS 5/5-12001. As an Ag exempt property, building permits and zoning certificates will be free of charge for the residents who complete the affidavit and provide the information requested in the affidavit form attached.

Buildings or structures that are included as Ag exempt would include the following structures used for the following:

1) Storage, maintenance or repair of farm equipment
2) Raising, harvesting and selling of crops
3) The feeding, breeding, management and sale of, or the produce of, livestock, poultry, fur-bearing animals or honeybees.
4) Dairying and the sale of dairy products
5) Viticulture, apiculture, floriculture and aquaculture
6) Nurseries and greenhouses when serving as the primary used of the property
7) Animal and poultry
8) Any other agricultural or horticultural use or animal husbandry or any other combination thereof, including the preparation and storage of the produce raised on the farm for human and animal use and disposal by marketing or otherwise.

Buildings and structures that do not conform to this exemption are the following:

1) Single family dwelling unit
2) Any structures that function in providing storage or maintenance for activities not listed in one through eight above.
3) A structure that is used by the general public such as a riding arena.
4) A structure regulated by the State Fire Marshall
5) A structure located in a floodplain.

- Distance of the proposed building to the front, side and rear property lines shall be 50'-0", 10'-0", respectively. However, if livestock is kept within the proposed building the setback or distance from the front, side and rear property lines shall be 100'-0".

Affidavit of Agricultural Exemption

I (We), _____, as owner(s) of the property listed below hereby declare and certify that this property is used primarily for agricultural purposes as defined above and in conjunction therewith desire to place/Construct a_____.

Property Address: _____

PIN # _____ AG_____

Phone #_____ Estimated value_____

IN pursuit of an agricultural activity, the following information shall be provided:

1) The current amount and extent of agricultural use being made of the land. List intentions for the application. List the future use of the property.

2) The type and amount of crops and or animals being raised on the land presently.

3) Estimated or projected annual productivity from agricultural activities performed in conjunction with this property.

4) How is the placement /construction of a _____ on the property necessary for the agricultural use on the property?

I, (We), hereby attest the truth and accuracy of all facts and information presented on this form.

X _____
Signature

X _____
Printed Name

Date _____

Office Use

Approved: _____

Date: _____