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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, zoning certificates will be free of charge in regard to the construction of an accessory building 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) A single family home that is located on a parcel that is used primarily for agricultural purposes as defined by the state statute.
- 6) Viticulture, apiculture, floriculture and aquaculture
- 7) Nurseries and greenhouses when serving as the primary use of the property
- 8) Animal and poultry
- 9) 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) Any structures that function in providing storage or maintenance for activities not listed in one through eight above.
- 2) A structure that is used by the general public such as a riding arena.
- 3) A structure regulated by the State Fire Marshall
- 4) A structure located in a floodplain.

In order to comply with the Grundy County Unified Development Ordinance, specific setbacks are required from the front, side and rear lot lines for Ag-exempt buildings.

Please provide a plat of survey showing the front, side and rear setbacks or distance in feet from those property lines to the foundation of the proposed building. If you do not have a plat of survey, you may sketch the location in the box provided below:



* Distance of the proposed building to the front, side and rear property lines shall be 50'-0", 10'-0", and 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#: _____

Phone Number: _____

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

1) An approximate amount in percentage of agricultural use of the parcel being considered for construction.

2) What agricultural use is currently being completed on the parcel?

3) How is this construction 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.

_____ Signature

_____ Printed name

_____ Date

Office use

Approved: _____

Date: _____