

# LYNN TOWNSHIP LEHIGH COUNTY

## ZONING OFFICE

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### **Agricultural Building Notification**

Agricultural buildings are not subject to PA Act 45, the Uniform Construction Code. Thus, agricultural buildings do not need to meet the requirements of the building code and are not subject to the issuance of a building permit. Only a Zoning Permit is issued for an agricultural building. **Please be advised that permitted agricultural buildings can only be utilized for agricultural purposes.**

Conversion of a permitted agricultural building to any other uses and/or occupancies requires review and approval from the Township including and not limited to the following:

- Zoning Permit for a change of use of the building and setback requirements
- Building permit for proposed changes to the structure in order to meet current building code requirements to comply with the new use of the structure
- Conformance with Township Ordinances for electrical, mechanical, and plumbing permits

In the event the Township becomes aware that a permitted agricultural building is being utilized for purposes other than agriculture, the Township may actively pursue revocation of the Zoning Permit issued for the building and take enforcement action against the property owner to ensure the building meets all required codes and ordinances.

### **Agricultural Building Exemption Form**

In accordance with the Uniform Construction Act No. 45 of 1999, Section 104 "Application" which states in part: "(b) Exclusions- This act shall not apply to: (4) any agricultural building." All buildings that meet the definition of an "agricultural building", as amended according to Summary of SB1139 (Act 93 of 2004), are exempt from the requirements of a building permit.

Agricultural building- A structure utilized to store farm implements, hay, feed, grain or other agricultural or horticultural products or to house poultry, livestock or other farm animals [.] and milk house. The term includes a carriage house owned and used by members of a recognized religious sect for the purposes of housing horses and storing buggies. The term shall not include habitable space or spaces which agricultural products are processed, treated or packaged and shall not be construed to mean a place of occupancy by the general public."

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (owner of said property), do acknowledge with the signing of this form that the building being constructed at \_\_\_\_\_ meets the definition of an "agricultural building" as defined above. I further acknowledge that I am responsible to obtain permits for any electrical, mechanical, or plumbing work which shall be performed at the said structure, or in the event the use of the structure changes.

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Parcel ID Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Structural Dimension

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owners signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date