

Houghton County Building Department
Agricultural Exemption

401 E Houghton Ave.
Houghton MI 49931
(906) 482-2260

Date: _____ Property ID: _____

Landowner: _____ Township: _____

Site Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

The State Construction Code Act defines a building as a combination of materials, whether portable or fixed, forming a structure affording a facility or shelter for use or occupancy by persons, animals, or property. The term does not include a building incidental to the use for agricultural purposes of the land on which the building is located if it is not used in the business of retail trade. The term shall be construed as though followed by the words "or part or parts of the building and all equipment in the building" unless the context clearly requires a different meaning.

The State Construction Code Act defines agricultural or agricultural purposes as means of, or pertaining to, or connected with, or engaged in agricultural or tillage which is characterized by the act or business of cultivating or using land and soil for the production of crops for use of animals or humans, and includes, but is not limited to, purposes related to agriculture, farming, dairying, pasturage, horticulture, floriculture, viticulture, and animal and poultry husbandry.

By exempting agricultural purposes from the Act's definition of building, the Act eliminates the requirements that construction permits be obtained for the construction buildings as long as an agricultural purpose is occurring on the parcel of land upon which the building is located, and the building is being used solely for an agricultural purpose, and the building is not being used in the business of retail trade. Notwithstanding, the exemption from permitting does not constitute an authorization of any construction work that violates the Act, applicable building codes, or other applicable laws.

By signing this Affidavit, I affirm that I am the owner of the above-described property, that I have read this Affidavit and understand it, and that the building identified herein is being solely for agricultural purposes as defined by the State Construction Code Act and described as follows:

Landowner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

County Approval Signature: _____ Date: _____