



AGRICULTURAL ZONING EXEMPTION APPLICATION

Owner Information

Owner's Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____

Contact Person

Contact's Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____

Property Information

Assessor's Parcel #'s _____

 Address/General Location _____

 Existing Zoning: _____
 Existing Land Use _____
 Total Acres _____

Request

Please indicate the type of facility proposed: _____

- Farm Property _____
 Livestock Ranch Property _____

CERTIFICATION & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I am applying for an Agricultural Zoning Exemptions and this application is complete and accurate. I agree to abide by the regulations of this jurisdiction. I understand that by applying for this exemption, I am requesting inspection of the property and grant Apache County Community Development and their inspectors and regulators access and permission to perform such inspections.

Incomplete or inaccurate submittals may result in delays, return of submittals, or denial of this application. The applicant is responsible for all changes and additional time required to correct plans between initial and final plans.

I am responsible for contacting Apache County Community Development at (928) 337-7527 to schedule all required inspections for this permit.

Signature of Applicant

_____ Date _____

Signature of Property Owner (if not the applicant)

_____ Date _____

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Received By _____	Date _____
Receipt# _____	Fee _____
Case# _____	
Related Cases _____	

DIRECTOR ACTION	
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied
Action by _____	Date _____
Expiration _____	
April 25, 2016	



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SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS* (see attached guidelines for minimum requirements)

- 0 Statement of agricultural use
- 0 Signed Affidavit
- 0 Two copies a site map/site plan
- 0 Assessor' Agricultural Classification
- 0 Letter of intent for all uses of the property
- 0 Other supplemental documentation as appropriate such as grazing leases or allotments.

*NOTE-The Director of Community Development may require additional information or plans, if they are necessary to enable a determination as to whether the circumstances prescribed for the granting of an Agricultural Zoning Exemption exist. The Director of Community Development may authorize omission of any or all of the plans and drawings required by this Section if they are not necessary.

STATEMENT OF AGRIGULTURAL USE

A narrative shall be provided which includes the following information:

- Components of the agricultural use including ownership, membership, organization
- Describe if leased land will be used in conjunction with the operation
- List the type and quantity of livestock maintained
- Identify the number of acres maintained as undeveloped land, irrigated land, fallow land, waste land or as home site and/or headquarters
- A description of all existing and/or proposed farm/ranch buildings, non-farm/ranch buildings and farm/ranch improvements.
- Length of time the use has been in operation.

SITEMAP/PLAN REQUIREMENTS

Provide an overview map that shows all areas that fall under the Agricultural Exemption including the following

- Grazing leases and allotments
- Major roads and easements
- Land ownership
- Section/Township/Range & Assessor Parcels Numbers

* Narrative statement shall reference locations identified on site map



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QUALIFYING AGRICULTURAL EXEMPTIONS

In order to qualify for an exemption from zoning regulation as property used for "grazing or general agricultural purposes" the property must meet each of the following standards:

1. The property is at least five (5) contiguous commercial acres in size. (A commercial acre is 36,000 square feet).
2. The primary use and investment in the property is directed toward production of agricultural products through agronomy, horticulture or animal husbandry.
3. The property is intended for, and is reasonably capable of, producing a normal profit through exempt purposes.

The primary function of the property is to produce agricultural crop or commodity and is found by the County Assessor to be qualifying agricultural property in accordance with the Arizona Department of Revenue Agricultural Manual.

USES NOT QUALIFYING FOR AGRICULTURAL EXEMPTIONS

Property used primarily for residential, commercial or recreational purposes, on which livestock or agricultural production is incidental, including hobby farms or ranches, horse acres, cabin sites or forestry tracts does not qualify for zoning exemption. Property cultivated on a supplemental or part-time basis, such as mini-farms or gardens not capable of economic self-sufficiency on the basis of agricultural use, generally do not qualify for zoning exemption.

AGRICULTURAL EXEMPTION REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Application for initial zoning exemption or for renewal of an existing exemption shall be made on forms provided by the Community Development Department. The Community Development Director will evaluate each application for compliance with the standards set forth in Article 4 Section 403. A of the Zoning Ordinance. Zoning exemption granted to the property owner is open to review and may be cancelled at any time upon a determination by the Community Development Director that the property no longer meets the standards for an exemption. With respect to property not previously used for an exempt purpose, a provisional exemption may be granted based on representations by the owner as to the intended use of the property. The denial of an exemption may be appealed to the Board of Supervisors subject to the provisions of Article 9. Section 903.G of the Zoning Ordinance.



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AGRICULTURAL USE CATEGORIES

General agriculture: breeding, raising, training, and feeding of horses, cattle, sheep, goats, hogs, and poultry provided that new pens, buildings, and corrals are not closer than fifty (50) feet from any adjacent residential property line on and after the effective date of this Ordinance;

Horses, cattle, goat dairies, poultry and egg farms, fur farms, and public stables provided that pens and buildings are located not less than one hundred (100) feet from a residence or residential district;

PERMIT REVIEW TIMEFRAMES

- 0 Administrative completeness shall be determined within 10 calendar days of the submittal of an Agricultural Exemption Application. Applicants will be notified in writing of an incomplete application with a list of deficiencies. Notice in writing of application deficiencies shall suspend the administrative completeness timeframe until such time as all deficiencies have been addressed.
- 0 Substantive review of all Agricultural Exemption Applications shall be completed within 30 calendar days from the determination that the Agricultural Exemption Application is administratively complete. One written request for additional information may be made to the applicant during this review process.
- 0 The total timeframe for the granting or denying of an Agricultural Exemption Application is 40 days.