

BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

AGRICULTURAL BUILDING AFFIDAVIT

Agricultural buildings may be placed on appropriately zoned property without a building permit "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". If at a future time the use of the building changes, it shall comply with all building code requirements in place at time (change of use). These will include the loading design requirements for the size and ground snow load design for determination of truss or roof design, size of foundation, rated wall assemblies, and placement on lot. Buildings not used in the business of agriculture per State Law will be required to obtain a building permit. Construction is not to begin until approved by the Zoning Administrator in writing. Anyone that signs this affidavit shall maintain this building as agricultural use for a period of two years before another use is allowed. The only way it can change is if the property is sold or the original applicant passes away within the two year period. If the applicant requests another use within the two year period the full permit fee shall be issued. The affidavit below must be signed and dated by the owner and witness, with all requested information provided prior to approval by the Zoning Administrator and Supervisor. The owner must receive written approval from the Zoning Administrator before starting construction. Please provide the following information.

- Specific use of the building.
• Scaled site plan (accessory buildings cannot be located in the front yard).
• Name of contractor (provide copy of license and certificate of insurance).
• Size of structure.
• Type and size of foundation for documenting future change of use.
• Type and design criteria for roof structure, for documenting future change in use.
• Type of finish (roof and siding).
• Access to site (Road Commission permit, if required).

AFFIDAVIT:

Statement of fact:

_____, residing at _____

in the Township of Bainbridge, County of Berrien, State of Michigan, do hereby affirm that I am actively engaged in the practice of farming, and the agricultural building located at _____,

on Parcel # _____ will only be used to shelter farm implements, hay grain poultry, livestock or other farm produce, in which there is human habitation and is not used by the public.

Applicant Signature

Witness Signature

Applicant Printed Name and Date

Witness Printed Name and Date

THIS IS A LEGAL AFFIDAVIT AND SHALL BE SIGNED AND WITNESSED AS REQUIRED ABOVE