

Oconee County Building Codes

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AFFIDAVIT FOR FARM STRUCTURE

6-9-65. Regulation of construction or improvement of farm structure; authority to issue building permits.

(A) For purposes of this section, "farm structure" means a structure which is constructed on a farm, other than a residence or a structure attached to it, for use on the farm including, but not limited to, barns, sheds and poultry houses, but not public livestock areas. **For purposes of this section, "farm structure" does not include a structure originally qualifying as a "farm structure" but later converted to another use.**

(B) The governing body of a county or municipality may not enforce that portion of nationally recognized building code it has adopted which regulates the construction or improvement of a farm structure. The standards published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the National Flood Insurance Program shall apply.

(C) The provisions of this section do not apply unless before constructing a farm structure the person owning the property on which the structure is to be constructed files an affidavit with the county or municipal official responsible for enforcing the building code stating that the structure is being constructed as a farm structure. The affidavit must include a statement of purpose or intended use of the proposed structure or addition.

(D) This section does not affect the authority of the governing body of a county or municipality to issue building permits before the construction or improvement of a farm structure.
(As per Senate Bill 236, Standard Building Code Act)

Oconee Building Codes position: Any structure constructed under this exception is exempt from code enforcement. However, a STRUCTURE built under this exemption and converted for any reason to another use (residential, mercantile, business, assembly, intuitional, industrial, factory, storage-nonfarm) would be in violation of State law and the Oconee Building Code and must be first brought up the present minimum requirement of the current technical building codes.

Any mechanical permits (electrical, mechanical, and plumbing) will be administered and purchased separately from the farm structure permit.

David Stokes CBO, MCP / Oconee County Building Official

The property owner's signature indicates they have read and understood all aforementioned information and agree to that aforementioned information.

Owner: _____
Site Address: _____
Tax Map Number: _____
Purpose of intended use of the proposed structure or addition: _____

Owner's Signature _____ Owner's Printed Name _____ Date _____
Witness Signature: _____ Witness Signature: _____

Sworn to before me the _____ day of _____, _____.

(Seal)

Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: _____