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FARM BUILDING EXEMPTION INFORMATION SHEET

Under RDOS Building Bylaw 2333, farm buildings located on land classed as “farm” under the Assessment Act that are designed for “low human occupancy” (as defined in the National Farm Building Code of Canada) do not need a regular building permit. However applications for a Farm Building Exemption are required for all work intended to be undertaken within the Electoral Areas subject to this Bylaw. However, building permits, inspections, building permit fees and application fees of this Bylaw do not apply to work carried out on farm buildings.

Pursuant to section 1.4.1.2 of the BC Building Code a “Farm Building” is described as follows:

“**Farm building**” means a building or part thereof, which does not contain a residential occupancy and which is associated with and located on land devoted to the practice of farming, and used essentially for the housing of equipment or livestock, or the production, storage or processing of agricultural and horticultural produce or feeds.

Prior to submitting your Farm Building Exemption application, please ensure you have provided the following information:

Application Form (available at the RDOS office or on our website under Building Permits)

- signed and dated
- description of the project
- description of proposed use of building

Site Plan (drawn to scale) showing:

- front yard setbacks (from proposed building to property line)
- rear yard setbacks (from proposed building to property line)
- side (interior & exterior) yard setbacks (from proposed building to property lines)
- identified all buildings on the property & their distances to the proposed building
- shown the dimensions of all buildings on the property, including the proposed building (necessary to determine parcel coverage)

Construction Drawings (drawn to scale) showing:

- floor plan showing uses of all areas within the proposed building
- cross-section of building showing proposed height

Current title search (no older than 30 days) with:

- copies of all covenants, easements & right of ways registered on title

* If the RDOS has to acquire these items on behalf of the applicant, the applicable fees must be paid **before** the Permit Exemption can be issued.