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Anne Arundel Soil Conservation Board of Supervisors

Resolution 2023-1

PROCEDURE FOR APPROVAL OF A BUILDING PERMIT EXEMPTIONS FOR AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS

In accordance with Anne Arundel County Code, Subtitle 2. Grading Permit §16-3-201 under Approval Required; Exceptions the Anne Arundel Soil Conservation District shall approve the Agricultural Standard Grading Plans* and Soil Conservation and Water Quality Plans for the purpose of exempting agricultural buildings from obtaining a building permit. Agricultural buildings are defined in the Anne Arundel County Construction Code, §105.2.1.14.

Procedure:

The Anne Arundel Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors shall review applications for building permit exemptions during their monthly board meetings. Before the scheduled board meeting, a Soil Conservation District employee shall make available to the applicant the Agricultural Standard Grading Plan, the Maryland Department of the Environment Standard Stormwater Management Plan, a Critical Area Report Worksheet if necessary and a Cooperator Agreement form. The applicant will need to complete the forms, returning them to the District for review and submittal at the next available monthly board meeting. At this time, the District will collect a non-refundable administration fee of \$700.00. The Board of Supervisors shall review the above-mentioned documents, and if all information on the forms is deemed correct, shall approve the Cooperator Agreement. Once approved, a Soil Conservation and Water Quality Plan commonly known as a Farm Plan, shall be developed with the cooperation of the landowner by a District employee or one of its partners. Once developed, the Farm Plan will be presented to the Board of Supervisors during a scheduled meeting for approval. The Farm Plan will show the location of the building(s) and after approval by the Board of Supervisors, be given to the cooperator along with the above mentioned documents. The applicant shall send, or hand carry the Agricultural Standard Grading Plan, the Maryland Department of the Environment Standard Stormwater Management Plan, the Critical Area Report Worksheet and a copy of the Farm Plan to the Anne Arundel County Department of Inspections and Permits (I&P) and the Office of the Fire Marshal. The Agricultural Standard Grading Plan will be reviewed by the Code Compliance Division of I&P and the Fire Marshal for approval to grade the building site. I&P and the Office of the Fire Marshal will inform the applicant if there are any code compliance issues. If none, the applicant may start their building construction. This will provide documentation if the landowner wishes to pursue applying for trade permits from the County. The Soil Conservation District does not have the authority to regulate or issue penalties

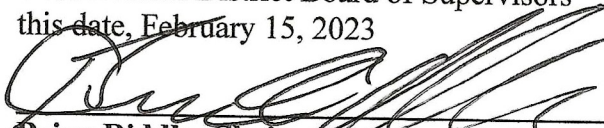
for violations of the County Code and therefor will rely on I&P to monitor sediment and erosion control compliance and use of the building as stated in the definition of agricultural buildings.

Requirement:

An Agricultural Standard Grading Plan is required when the construction of, and grading for, an agricultural building of any size greater than 64 square feet that involves disturbing between 5,000 square feet and one acre of land. In addition, an erosion and sediment control plan approved by the District is required in lieu of a standard grading plan or grading permit for agricultural buildings that involve disturbing more than one acre of land. Disturbance shall include a minimum of 15 feet measured perpendicular from the footprint of the building on all sides. The development of a Soil Conservation and Water Quality Plan can be accomplished by District employees and or employees of the Maryland Department of Agriculture or the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Above references to the Anne Arundel Code are included in this resolution.

Agricultural Building Permit Exemption
Affirmed by the Anne Arundel Soil
Conservation District Board of Supervisors
this date, February 15, 2023



Brian Riddle, Chairperson, Board of Supervisor

*Reference Resolution 2017-2 - Standard Grading Plan for Agricultural Structures