

**NOTICE REGARDING AGRICULTURAL EXEMPTION (Revised, 2006)**

**I. REMOVAL OF BUILDING OR USE**

Be advised that the exemption from township zoning regulations applies only for as long as the agricultural use continues. For instance, a building constructed on a piece of property and identified for agricultural purposes must be sized appropriately for the proposed agricultural use. It cannot be converted, at a later date, to a non-agricultural use unless it complies with all of the township zoning regulations in effect at that time.

The owner of the building could request a variance from these requirements, but if the variance was not approved, the building would need to comply or it would need to be removed. The same logic applies to the use of land such as a pond for agricultural purposes.

**II. CRIMINAL CHARGES**

If your intent is to inappropriately claim an agricultural exemption, merely to avoid zoning and/or building regulations, you may be prosecuted for the crime of falsification. This crime, under 2921.13 (A) of the Ohio Revised Code, is punishable by up to six months in jail and up to a \$1,000 fine.

The undersigned hereby declare that the proposed use of land and/or the proposed building to be located at \_\_\_\_\_  
in Benton Township is exempt from zoning regulations as an agricultural use for the following reasons:

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I have read the Notice of Agricultural Exemption form and understand any change of use in the future for the building or land to a non-agricultural use will require compliance with the zoning rules and regulations.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Owner/Agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Signing

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Owner/Agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Signing

Filed and accepted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of 20 \_\_\_\_.

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Zoning Inspector