



## Agricultural Exemption Request for Determination

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

### PROPERTY INFORMATION

Property Address (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Property Location: ¼ ¼ \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Township \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_

Property Geographic Parcel Number (GPN): \_\_\_\_\_

Current Zoning: \_\_\_\_\_ Acres: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list other parcels that are part of this farm unit, if any.  
(The Planning & Development staff can assist you with the GPN.)

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For this farm unit, how many acres do you:

- Own \_\_\_\_\_
- Rent from another \_\_\_\_\_
- Rent to another \_\_\_\_\_

### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Case # \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION**

The proposed construction is for (check all that apply):

- (A) New House: \_\_\_\_\_ (Primary) \_\_\_\_\_ (Secondary)
- (B) New Outbuilding (please list size of each building and their use, including material & equipment to be stored in each building):  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- (C) Other (e.g. addition or remodel to house – please describe):  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- (D) Solar:  Ground Mounted  Roof Mounted - to \_\_\_\_\_ (ex. dwelling, outbuilding, livestock building)  
 # of panels or arrays: \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Kilowatt Hours (kWh): \_\_\_\_\_
- (E) For any new structure (including solar) or addition – highest point above grade: \_\_\_\_\_ ft.

**AGRICULTURAL INFORMATION**

Please list all crops and livestock produced, on average, on the farm unit annually.

| Crop Type(s)      | Total No. Acres (average) | % For Commercial Production (average) |
|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
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| Livestock Type(s) | Total No. Head (average)  | % For Commercial Production (average) |
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**REQUESTED EXEMPTION**

The exemption is being requested from (check only one):

- Zoning regulations (e.g. lot size, building setback requirements from property lines, building height, number of principal uses)
- Building regulations (e.g. construction methods or materials, structural requirements, required inspections, permit fees)

Note: an exemption granted from one will automatically apply to the other.

**ONLY COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IF THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION  
IS FOR A NEW HOUSE OR HOUSE ADDITION / REMODELING**

The exemption only applies to structures *primarily adapted* for agricultural purposes, and only while so used for agricultural purposes. Additionally, in order to qualify for the exemption as a farmhouse the occupants must be “engaged in agriculture” as defined below. **Please provide a detailed answer for all items** as appropriate. (Attach additional sheet if necessary.)

**“Engaged in agriculture”** For purposes of applying this exemption, “engaged in agriculture” shall include but not be limited to any of the following:

- a. **Inspect agricultural operations periodically and furnish at least half the direct cost of the operations. (Please provide information about the input costs that you furnish to the operation.)**

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- b. **Regularly and frequently make or take an important part in making management decisions substantially contributing to or affecting the success of the agricultural operation. (Please provide information about your role in making management decisions regarding the operation.)**

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- c. **Perform physical work, which significantly contributes to the agricultural operation. (Please provide information about the nature of physical work, including average hours worked, as part of the operation.)**

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I hereby acknowledge that should the use of the land or buildings change, or are discovered to not qualify under the exemption, such use shall be subject to the zoning and building regulations of Linn County, Iowa.

To the best of my knowledge, all information contained herein is true and correct. I hereby give my consent for the Director (or designee) of Linn County Planning and Development reasonable access to conduct a site inspection of the property for the purpose of reviewing the request for exemption as described in this application.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_