



Talbot County Department of Planning and Zoning
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**Forest Conservation Ordinance Exemption
 Agricultural Declaration of Intent**

Date Received: _____ Cross-Reference File Number: _____

Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Fax: _____ Cell Number: _____

Property Owner: _____

Property Location: _____

Property Size: _____ Deed Reference: Liber _____ Folio _____

Subdivision Name: _____ Section: _____

Tax Map: _____ Grid: _____ Parcel: _____ Lot: _____

Watershed: _____ Subwatershed: _____ Forest Area Cleared: _____

Proposed Activity: _____

Article 73, Forest Conservation, Section 73.3(B), of the *Talbot County Code* establishes a list of activities that are **Exempt** from the County’s Forest Conservation Ordinance, provided the applicant files a **Declaration of Intent** with the Department of Planning and Zoning assuring compliance with all requirements of the Forest Conservation Act. Based on the information provided by the applicant, stating that the property will be used for agriculture and agricultural related purposes, it has been determined that the proposed activity is **Exempt** from the Talbot County Forest Conservation Ordinance.

The following activities/uses are permitted under this **Exemption**:

1. Agricultural activities not resulting in a change of land use;
2. That erection, alteration, or expansion of agricultural support buildings and other related structures using accepted Best Management Practices; and
3. The cutting, clearing, or grading of more than 40,000 square feet of forest per year.

The applicant must include a sketch map of the property that shows the area to be cleared.

I hereby verify that the property will be used for the proposed activity stated above and that no regulated activity shall occur on the above-referenced property within five (5) years of the effective date of this Declaration of Intent.

I understand that:

- a. The conditions upon which this **Declaration** were granted may not be changed without approval by the Department of Planning and Zoning; and
- b. Any regulated activity, as defined by the Talbot County Forest Conservation Ordinance, that is not the subject of this **Declaration of Intent**, will require additional approval.

Notification of the Endangered Species Act

This development may contain, threatened or endangered species protected under the Endangered Species Act as amended. The U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish & Wildlife Service administers regulations designed to protect these threatened and endangered species and their habitats. As the applicant for this development activity, I understand that the final authority for all determinations concerning the effect of the development on these species and their habitat rests with the U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish & Wildlife Service. I also understand that county approval of this project does not exempt this project from obtaining all permits and approvals, which may be required by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish & Wildlife Service.

Certified: _____

 Property Owner

 Date

Approved: _____

 Talbot County Department of Planning and Zoning

 Date