

Owner Attestation

By signing this statement in the presence of a notary public, I attest to the fact that the dwelling or structure to be constructed or occupied at the site listed above conforms to the following criteria:

1. The applicant is a member of a recognized religious sect;
2. The religious sect has established tenets or teachings which conflict with the electrical or plumbing provisions of the Uniform Construction Code;
3. The applicant adheres to the established tenets or teachings of the sect;
4. In the case of a dwelling unit, the dwelling unit will be used solely as a residence for the applicant and the applicant's household;
5. In the case of a one-room schoolhouse, the one-room schoolhouse will be used solely by members of the religious sect.
6. If an applicant receives an exemption for any building under this request and the applicant subsequently sells or leases the building, the applicant shall bring the building into compliance with the provision of the Uniform Construction Code from which it was exempted under this request prior to the sale or lease of the building unless the prospective subsequent owner or lessee files an affidavit in compliance with Items 1-5 above.

Owner Signature: _____

Date signed: _____

Notary Name: _ _____

Date commission expires: _____

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Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code (Excerpt)

Chapter 9. Exemptions, Applicability and Penalties

§ 7210.901. Exemptions.

(b) RELIGIOUS BELIEFS -

(1) An applicant for a construction permit for a dwelling unit or one-room schoolhouse utilized by a member or members of a recognized religious sect may file an application with a code administrator to be exempted from the Uniform Construction Code, as provided in this subsection, which conflicts with the applicant's religious beliefs. The application shall state the manner in which the provision conflicts with the applicant's religious beliefs and shall include an affidavit by the applicant stating that:

(i) the applicant is a member of a recognized religious sect;

(ii) the religious sect has established tenets or teachings which conflict with:

(A) an electrical provision of the Uniform Construction Code;

(B) a lumber or wood provision, not relating to pressure treatment of the Uniform Construction Code;

(C) a plumbing provision of the Uniform Construction Code.

(iii) the applicant adheres to the established tenets or teachings of the sect;

(iv) in the case of a dwelling unit, the dwelling unit will be used solely as a residence for the applicant and the applicant's household; and

(v) in the case of a one-room schoolhouse, the one-room schoolhouse will be used solely by members of the religious sect.

(2) A code administrator shall grant an application for an exemption if made in accordance with paragraph (1).

(3) If an applicant receives an exemption for any building under this subsection and the applicant subsequently sells or leases the building, the applicant shall bring the building into compliance with the provision of the Uniform Construction Code from which it was exempted under this subsection prior to the sale or lease of the building unless the prospective subsequent owner or lessee files an affidavit in compliance with paragraph (1)(i) through (iv).