



# MARIN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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Marin County Board of Supervisors  
3501 Civic Center Drive  
San Rafael, CA 94903

**SUBJECT:** Agricultural Exemption Permit Ordinance - First Reading

Dear Board Members:

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Conduct the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the Ordinance by title only
2. Schedule merit hearing for June 8, 2010

**SUMMARY:** The proposed Ordinance establishes Chapter 19.19 of Marin County Code exempting qualified non-occupied agricultural utility structures from the costs and time associated with reviewing, processing and inspecting services provided by the Community Development Agency (CDA) Building and Safety Division through the normal building permit process.

During the last 12 months, the CDA sought input from members of Marin's agricultural community to investigate agricultural exemption ordinances of counties in the state. The conclusion from this work has been to propose an ordinance similar to Sonoma County's ordinance.

According to the proposed ordinance, property owners proposing non-occupied accessory buildings designed and used for commercial agricultural use may request an exemption from the normal building plan check and inspection requirements and procedures associated with obtaining a building permit. However, these projects would continue to be subject to review and fees to determine compliance with planning, environmental health and other applicable county regulations.

This Ordinance will support Marin's local agricultural community through reduction of permit related costs and plan review time, thereby reducing their cost of doing business and increasing their business viability.

**FISCAL/STAFFING IMPACT:** None.

<b>REVIEWED BY:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Auditor-Controller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Counsel	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

Respectfully submitted,

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**ATTACHMENTS:** Proposed Ordinance amending MCC Title 19