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**From:** "Patrick R. Mallett" <[pmallett@orangecountync.gov](mailto:pmallett@orangecountync.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Bona Fide Farm Status  
**Date:** December 3, 2015 3:08:17 PM EST

Below was the request from the applicant On 24 NOV...It took this long to go through legal...

**From:** Kara Brewer [mailto:]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 24, 2015 7:53 AM  
**To:** Patrick R. Mallett  
**Cc:** James Bryan; John Roberts; Michael Harvey; Chris and Kara Brewer; Chris Willett  
**Subject:** Re: Bona Fide Farm Status

Thanks, but I actually need a zoning exemption letter as it pertains to Agritourism, since (as you noted) "that the statutory protection of bona fide farm purposes does not limit zoning regulation with respect to the use of farm property for non-farm purposes."

Instead of that statement (or in addition to); I'm requesting that you insert the county's policy of "Bona Fide Farming Activities." Here it is (on-site agritourism is the fifth item listed):  
[http://www.orangecountync.gov/document\\_center/PlanningInspections/Basic\\_Zoning\\_Program.pdf](http://www.orangecountync.gov/document_center/PlanningInspections/Basic_Zoning_Program.pdf)

The main purpose of the letter is just a statement noting:

"Weddings, educational activities and other special events taking place on the farm under the definition Agritourism are exempt from local zoning regulations.

N.C. G.S. § 99E-30(1) defines Agritourism activities to include "Any activity carried out on a farm or ranch that allows members of the general public, for recreational, entertainment, or educational purposes, to view or enjoy rural activities, including farming, ranching, historic, cultural, harvest-your-own activities, or natural activities and attractions."

Thanks again, and please just give me a call if you have any questions. If I can get the revised agritourism letter by tomorrow, I would appreciate it.  
Kara

On Thu, Nov 19, 2015 at 1:43 PM, Patrick R. Mallett <[pmallett@orangecountync.gov](mailto:pmallett@orangecountync.gov)> wrote:  
Please find the enclosed letter regarding bona fide farm status.

Very Respectfully,

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