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**Code Section:** Appendix C, Equine Facilities, ORS 455.315(1)&(2)

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**Subject:** Equine Facilities Exemption

**Question:** Does the equine facilities exemption from the structural code as found in ORS 455.315 constitute a separate exemption from that provided for agricultural buildings?

**Answer:** Yes. Equine Facility is defined separately in ORS 455.315 (2)(c) and comprises a wholly separate exemption from that granted to agricultural buildings.

**Analysis:** The placement of the “equine facilities” exemption in ORS 455.315 can be interpreted such that they are tied to “agricultural buildings.” The expectation of the legislature is that they are not. One stark contrast between the two is that agricultural buildings must be used as part of the “business” of the farm whereas equine facilities need only be used for any one of the following: stabling, training, riding lessons, or training clinics. In short, an equine facility may be a business or it may just be for the owners pleasure.

If local zoning laws regarding farms allow for equine facilities as defined in ORS 455.315, they are exempt from permits under the Oregon Structural Specialty Code.

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