

AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREA

SAMPLE RESOLUTION

The Board of _____ Township Trustees/County Commissioners met in regular session on the _____ day of _____, 2012.

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPORT FOR PROTECTING FARMLAND IN AN AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREA

WHEREAS, Ohio's Agricultural Security Area (ASA) established in Ohio Revised Code ("ORC") Section 931 permits one or more landowners to submit an application to the boards of county commissioners and township trustees requesting to enroll at least 500 acres of contiguous farmland into an ASA for a period of 10 years.

WHEREAS, ASAs provide certain benefits to farmers, including protection from non-farm development and a critical mass of land, to help keeping farming economically viable.

WHEREAS, agriculture is important to _____ County's economy, which has a total of _____ farms, totaling _____ acres, annual cash receipts of \$_____, and is dependent on protecting farmland. [County's data available from 2010 Ohio Department of Agriculture Annual Report:
http://www.agri.ohio.gov/divs/Admin/Docs/AnnReports/ODA_Comm_AnnRpt_2010.pdf]

WHEREAS, _____ [landowner(s)] has submitted an application pursuant to ORC section 931.02 to request that their property ("Property") as more specifically described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein, be enrolled in an ASA.

WHEREAS, the owners of the land in the area agree to use best management practices as required by ORC Section 931.03(C)(2).

WHEREAS, this board, in agreement with _____ [all other county or township boards in the ASA], has elected to grant a tax exemption to _____% [maximum 75] of the value of qualifying agricultural real property for a period of _____ years after the property becomes eligible for the exemption.

WHEREAS, ASAs are a partnership between the farmland owner and the local elected officials, The Board of Township Trustees/County Commissioners agree to not initiate, approve, or finance any development for residential, commercial, or industrial purposes, including construction of new roads and water and sewer lines, within the area for a period of 10 years from the effective date of this resolution in accordance with ORC Section 931.03(C).

BE IT NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the Township Trustees/County Commissioners of _____ Township/County, Ohio hereby authorize the establishment of

an ASA on property pursuant to the terms and conditions above, effective as of the date this resolution is signed ("Effective Date").

Motion by _____ seconded by _____ that the resolution be adopted was carried by the following vote: YEAS: _____ NAYS: _____ ABSENTIONS: _____

Resolution adopted this _____ day of _____, 2012.

Attest _____
Clerk of the Board

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified Fiscal Officer/Clerk of _____ Township/County, located in _____ County, Ohio [_____ County Commissioners], do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the local governing body of said _____ Township Trustees [_____ County Commissioners] at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2012.

cc: _____, County Commissioners/Township Trustees _____, School Superintendent(s)
_____, County Auditor _____, Director of Agriculture
_____, County Engineer _____, Director of Transportation

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