

ORDINANCE
2-2005

An Ordinance of the County of Warren, Pennsylvania, to include farmstead land in the total use value in agricultural reserve in the County and to uniformly apply it to all land in agricultural reserve in the County; to include farmstead land in the total use value of land in forest reserve and to uniformly apply it all land in forest reserve in the County.

WHEREAS, Presently farmstead land (the land under a residence) enrolled in Act 319 (72 P.S. Section 5490.1 et.seq) commonly referred to as the "Clean and Green Law" is assessed as a use (soil class) value and is included in the preferential assessment; and

WHEREAS, Act 235 requires all assessment offices to remove the use value assessment on the farmstead land and increase it to a standard assessment for all properties that are in agricultural reserve or forest reserve unless the County Commissioners adopt an ordinance to include farmstead land as a use value in preferential assessment: and

WHEREAS, Warren County has taken the lead in farmland and open space preservation and the Clean and Green program is an important tool in that effort.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Warren, Pennsylvania, as follows:

- Section 1. Farmstead land shall be included in the total use value for land in Agricultural Reserve.
- Section 2. Farmstead land shall be included in the total use value for land in Forest Reserve.
- Section 3. This Ordinance shall be applied uniformly to all land in Agricultural Reserve and Forest Reserve in Warren County.
- Section 4. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval as required by law.

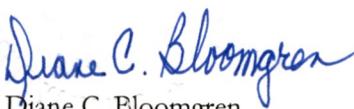
ENACTED AND ORDAINED THIS 28TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2005

COMMISSIONERS OF WARREN COUNTY


John R. Bortz, Jr.
Chairman


John E. Eggleston
Vice-Chairman

Attest:


Diane C. Bloomgren
Chief Clerk


David A. Bauer
Secretary

