

RESOLUTION NO. 16 OF 2014

TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT JOY, ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP'S CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO CONDUCT INSPECTIONS REQUIRED BY AND FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION EASEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Township has provided for and accepted deeds for perpetual agricultural conservation easements on properties within the Township for the purpose of preserving and promoting agricultural activities and land in the Township (“preserved farms”); and

WHEREAS, the agricultural conservation easements limit the use of the preserved farms to solely the production for commercial purposes of crops, livestock and livestock products; and

WHEREAS, the agricultural conservation easements limit the construction, erection or placement of buildings and other structures on the preserved farms except as expressly authorized by the agricultural preservation easement; and

WHEREAS, administration of the agricultural conservation easement necessitates an annual inspection of the preserved farms to verify compliance with the use and building/structure limitations;

WHEREAS, the required annual inspections of the preserved farms previously were performed by one or more members of the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors believe that efficient and effective administration of the required inspections of preserved farms can and should be performed by the Township’s then-current code enforcement officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Mt. Joy Township:

1. The Township’s then current Code Enforcement Officer is charged with the duties and responsibility for conducting the annual inspection of preserved farms in the Township for compliance with the agricultural preservation easement.
2. The annual inspections of the preserved farms shall be completed by September 30 of each year. A written report of the preserved farms’ compliance or noncompliance with the use and building/structure limitations of the agricultural conservation

easement shall be presented to the Board of Supervisors for consideration at its regular business meeting in October of each year.

ADOPTED, by official action of the Mount Joy Township Board of Supervisors in open session at a duly advertised meeting of the Board, this the 3rd day of July, 2014.

ATTEST:

MT. JOY TOWNSHIP

Sheri L. Moyer, Secretary

By: _____
John Gormont
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

I, Sheri L. Moyer, Secretary for Mount Joy Township, do hereby attest that the foregoing Resolution No. 16-2014 was voted upon and approved by unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors on the 3rd day of July 2014.

(SEAL)