

**EXETER TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE NO. _____**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EXETER, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP OF EXETER CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION ENTITLED “FARMSTEAD PROPERTY EXCLUSION.”

PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPALITIES PLANNING CODE, AS AMENDED, 53 P.S. § 10101, ET SEQ., THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EXETER TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, DOES HEREBY ENACT AND ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 340 of the Exeter Township Code of Ordinances, is hereby amended to include the following Section 340-87, titled “Farmstead Property Exclusion,” is as follows:

A farmstead property exclusion is hereby created and established exclusion in accordance with 53 Pa.C.S.A. Ch. 85, Subch. F in order to exclude a certain amount of the assessed value of any farmstead property in the Township from Township real estate taxes. The amount of this farmstead property exclusion may be set from time to time by resolution of the Board of Supervisors; provided, that in the absence of any such Board of Supervisors resolution, the initial \$50,000 of the assessed value of any farmstead property in the Township is excluded from Township real estate taxes. The exclusion for farmstead property is in addition to any exclusion for homestead property for which the dwelling on a subject farm may qualify.

Section 2. ***REPEALER:*** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith or in conflict with any of the specific terms enacted hereby, to the extent of said inconsistencies or conflicts, are hereby specifically repealed.

Section 3. ***SEVERANCE CLAUSE:*** Should any section, paragraph, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of said Ordinance shall not be affected thereby, and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. In all other respects, the provisions of the Code of the Township of Exeter, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED into an Ordinance this 23rd day of December, 2019.

**EXETER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

John S. Cusatis, Chairperson

Attest:

Secretary