

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: COMMERCE, TRANSPORTATION & TOURISM DATE: 5/16/95 RESOLUTION NO. 240-95

and FINANCE COMMITTEES

APPROVED AS TO FORM
NIAGARA CO. ATTORNEY

COMMITTEE ACTION

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Approved: Ayes _____ Noes 0
Rejected: Ayes _____ Noes _____
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**AGRICULTURAL AND MARKETS LAW
RE: COMMERCIAL HORSE BOARDING**

WHEREAS, New York State Agriculture and Markets Law, specifically section 301 was amended by chapter 556 of the laws of 1994 to include in the definition of land used in agricultural production a definition for the term "commercial horse boarding operation", and

WHEREAS, the existing agricultural land value assessment exemption program that currently exists within Niagara County may be expanded, subject to the approval of the Niagara County Legislature to include commercial horse boarding operations, and

WHEREAS, a commercial horse boarding operation is defined in subdivision 13 (new) of the Agricultural and Markets as "an agricultural enterprise consisting of at least ten acres and having at all times at least 10 horses, that receives ten thousand dollars or more in gross receipts annually from fees generated either through the boarding of horses or through the production for sale of crops, livestock products, or through both such boarding and such production", and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Farmland Protection Board has recommended that commercial horse boarding be recognized by the County Legislative body as agricultural production as a means of furthering the Board's goals of providing protection to agricultural enterprises, and

WHEREAS, expanding the definition of "land used in agricultural production" would make land owned by operators of horse boarding enterprises within Niagara County eligible for an agricultural assessment per Agriculture and Markets Law, sections 305 and 306, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature hereby adopts the provisions of Chapter 556 of the laws of 1994 effective for all assessment rolls completed subsequent to January 1, 1996, and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all Assessing Officials in all cities and towns within Niagara County, the Niagara County Farm Bureau, the Department of Soils and Water, the County Planning Director, the Chairperson of the Farmland Protection Board and the NYS Office of Real Property Services in Albany.

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