

No. 08-23-OR

AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the continued use of real property in the County's Deer Lakes Park for purposes of farming by Beacom Farms.

WHEREAS, Amy and Kevin Beacom are the owners of Beacom Farms, a cattle, sheep, chicken and crop farm located in Tarentum, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, for more than thirty (30) years, Beacom Farms has leased from the County approximately eighty (80) acres of land in the County's Deer Lakes Park for farming corn, soy beans, hay, and oats; and utilized four (4) structures for storing supplies and equipment and temporary housing of cattle; and

WHEREAS, the County's Department of Parks has recommended that Beacon Farm be granted permission to continue to conduct farming activities on the eighty (80) acres of land in the County's Deer Lakes Park and to utilize and maintain the structures thereon; and

WHEREAS, County Council recognizes that the Beacom Farms' continued use of this property in the County's Deer Lakes Park for such purposes will inure to the benefit of the citizens of Allegheny County through the application of sustainable farming practices, implementation of County-approved conservation procedures, and maintenance of farm structures; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 2(k) of the Allegheny County Home Rule Charter vests County Council with the power to permit the use of County real property.

The Council of the County of Allegheny hereby enacts as follows:

SECTION 1. Incorporation of the Preamble.

The provisions set forth in the preamble to this Ordinance are incorporated by reference as set forth in their entirety herein.

SECTION 2. Authorization to Permit the Use of County Real Property.

- A. Allegheny County Council hereby approves Beacom Farms' continued use of approximately eighty (80) acres of land and four (4) structures in the County's Deer Lakes Park for purposes of farming for a period beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2025; provided however, that the proper officials of the

County, with the consent of Beacom Farms, are authorized to extend Beacom Farms' use of the property for farming purposes for an additional two (2) years until December 31, 2027.

- B. The proper officers of the County are hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the authorization granted by this legislation.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall enter into effect as of January 1, 2023.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance shall be determined to be unlawful, invalid, void or unenforceable, then that provision shall be considered severable from the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, which shall be in full force and effect.


SECTION 5. Repealer. Any Resolution or Ordinance or part thereof conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this Ordinance.

Enacted in Council, this 4th day of April, 2023

Council Agenda No. 12631-23



Patrick Catena
President of Council

Attest: 

Jared Barker
Chief Clerk of Council

Chief Executive Office April 8th, 2023

Approved: 

Rich Fitzgerald
County Executive

Attest: 

Jennifer Liptak
County Manager

M E M O R A N D U M
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

TO: Jared E. Barker
Allegheny County Council

FROM: Jennifer M. Liptak
County Manager

DATE: March 16, 2023

RE: Proposed Ordinance

Attached is an Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the continued use of real property in the County's Deer Lakes Park for purposes of farming by Beacom Farms.

The Allegheny County Law Department has reviewed this legislation prior to submitting it to Council.

I am requesting that this item be placed on the agenda at the next Regular Meeting of Council.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

The attached legislation would approve the continued use of approximately eighty (80) acres of land and four (4) structures in the County's Deer Lakes Park by Beacom Farms for purposes of farming. The authorization is for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025. The authorization may be extended two (2) additional years with the mutual consent of the proper County officials and Beacom Farms. The appropriate County officers and officials would be authorized to take such action as would be necessary to carry out the purposes of the authorization granted in the legislation.