

agriculture land exist as such and that no such land is being used for production of crops or livestock as a business enterprise nor for marketing purposes within the Town of Bladensburg, therefore, the existing Chapter 3, Section 58, titled, "Taxation of Rural Areas," should be repealed and re-enacted making all real property lying within the boundaries of the Town of Bladensburg be taxed on equal basis and that no classes of real property be established for differences of the property tax rate effective for the Town fiscal year 1969-70, and thereafter.

*Section 1.* BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council, Town of Bladensburg, Md., That Chapter 3, Section 58, titled, "Taxation of Rural Areas" of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County, Md., 1963-Edition by Everstine, as amended, relating to a class distinction of property taxes levied upon certain property owners within the Town of Bladensburg, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments and to read as follows:

~~Taxation of Rural Areas. Real Property within the Town of Bladensburg, having the character of rural and undeveloped and unimproved land, or land primarily for farming purposes shall be a class of property and a rate of tax may be levied thereon different from the rate to be levied on all other property within the Town, and said different rate of tax on said class shall not at no time exceed (\$0.15) on the one hundred dollars (\$100.00 dollars) assessed valuation.~~

#### SECTION 58, CHAPTER 3, TAXATION OF REAL PROPERTY.

FOR TAX PURPOSES REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PROPERTY TAX RATE AS DETERMINED ANNUALLY BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL UPON THE APPROVAL OF THE TOWN BUDGET, AND ANY SUCH TAX RATE LEVIED SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF THAT LISTED UNDER SECTION 3-CHAPTER 55, TITLED "TAXES" OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY 1963-EDITION BY EVERSTINE.

*Section 2.* BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council, that a fair summary of this Resolution and the Charter Amendment hereby proposed be published not fewer than four (4) times at weekly intervals in a newspaper of general circulation within the Town of Bladensburg; that a complete and exact copy of the proposed charter amendment shall be posted in the Town Municipal Building, 4229-Edmonston Avenue, for a period of not less than forty (40) days from date of adoption of this resolution, and that a public hearing will be held on this resolution and the charter amendment on *JANUARY 6, 1969, 8:00 P.M.*, at the Town Municipal Building, 4229-Edmonston Avenue, Bladensburg, Md., the charter amendment proposed by this Resolution shall become a part of the Town Charter according to the terms as herein provided, and in all respects shall be observed and effective as such upon the Fiftieth (50th) day after the adoption of this resolution.

Unless on or before the fortieth (40th) day after being adopted and enacted there shall be submitted to the Mayor and Council a petition signed by twenty (20) percent or more of the persons who are qualified and registered to vote in the Town elections requesting that the proposed amendment be submitted to referendum to the voters of the Town, all as provided for by Section 13, Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and if the petition submitted complies with all the requirements of said section 13 of Article 23A, the Mayor and Council shall by resolution