

ACTIVELY DEVOTED TO AGRICULTURAL OR FOREST USE. HOWEVER, THE BOARD MAY ADMIT PARCELS OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES THAT ARE CONTIGUOUS TO AN AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT AND ARE IN A DESIGNATED AGRICULTURAL AREA.

(2) AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT BOUNDARIES SHOULD FOLLOW AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE, EXISTING PHYSICAL SEPARATIONS, SUCH AS STREAMS, VALLEYS, ROADS, ETC.

(3) THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENT TO FORM AN AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT IS 300 ACRES OF CONTIGUOUS LAND OR 500 ACRES OF NONCONTIGUOUS LAND. HOWEVER, AFTER THE FORMATION OF AN AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT, THE BOARD SHALL ACCEPT ALL APPLICATIONS OF TEN OR MORE ACRES DURING THE OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD AND SHALL EXPAND THAT DISTRICT ACCORDINGLY.

(4) AN AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT SHALL REMAIN IN FORCE FOR A MINIMUM OF EIGHT YEARS. MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT WHO HAVE NOT CONVEYED ANY DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS MAY WITHDRAW THEIR LAND BY GIVING THE BOARD A ONE-YEAR NOTICE, PROVIDING THE PARCEL TO BE WITHDRAWN HAS BEEN IN THE DISTRICT A MINIMUM OF EIGHT YEARS. IN THE EVENT OF WITHDRAWALS FROM AN AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT, THE REMAINING PROPERTY OWNERS MAY RETAIN THE DISTRICT REGARDLESS OF ACREAGE.

~~(5) THE BOARD SHALL ACCEPT ALL APPLICATIONS FOR AN AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT. THE BOARD SHALL REPORT ITS RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL ACCEPT OR REJECT THE BOARD'S PROPOSAL WITHIN 45 DAYS.~~

~~(6) (5) THE BOARD SHALL PROMOTE AN OPEN ENROLLMENT PROGRAM ANNUALLY TO ATTRACT NEW LANDOWNERS TO JOIN EXISTING OR NEW AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICTS.~~

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~~(A) THE MINIMUM ACREAGE PERMITTED TO JOIN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT IS TEN ACRES, EXCLUDING ANY ACREAGE UPON WHICH IMPROVEMENTS ARE LOCATED, THAT ARE ACTIVELY DEVOTED TO AGRICULTURAL OR FOREST USE. THE BOARD MAY ADMIT PERSONS WITH PARCELS LESS THAN TEN ACRES TO AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.~~

~~(B) DISTRICT BOUNDARIES SHOULD FOLLOW, AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE, ELECTION DISTRICTS.~~

~~(C) THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENT TO FORM AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT IS 300 ACRES OF CONTIGUOUS LAND AND 500 ACRES OF NONCONTIGUOUS LAND.~~

~~(D) THE BOARD SHALL REVIEW ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT AND SHALL EITHER ADOPT, REFUSE, OR MODIFY THEM. THE BOARD SHALL REPORT THIS THEIR~~