

**A RESOLUTION ENACTING A MORATORIUM FOR 60 DAYS
ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS AND THE ISSUANCE OF
LAND DISTURBANCE AND OTHER PERMITS IN THE
AGRICULTURAL ZONING DISTRICT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF
MINING SITES AND MINERAL AND NATURAL MATERIAL REMOVAL**

WHEREAS, the Carroll County Board of Commissioners is charged with the responsibility of protecting the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Carroll County;

WHEREAS, Carroll County is further charged with the responsibility of approving permitted uses, activities require a conditional use permit within the County's existing zoning categories, and the issuance of permits for land uses including land disturbance permits for activities associated with mining sites for the removal of minerals and natural materials in agricultural districts under Section 102-8, subsection 8.1(k) of the Carroll County Zoning Ordinance, which permits the "development of natural resources including the removal of minerals and natural materials provided that no machinery used for such purposes be located closer than 200 feet to any property line;"

WHEREAS, the staff of the Carroll County is in the process of a review and revision of the Carroll County Zoning Ordinance, including mining sites and mineral and natural material removal as set forth in Section 102-8, subsection 8.1(k) of the Carroll County Zoning Ordinance;

WHEREAS, the staff of the Carroll County requires further time to complete revisions and to research and consider changes to the ordinances prior to advertising and submitting revised proposed ordinances related to the Carroll County Zoning Ordinance including the permitted uses, conditional use permit requirements and related development regulations to the Board of Commissioners for consideration;

WHEREAS, out of an abundance of caution, the Board of Commissioners wishes to limit applications and land disturbance permits issued in agricultural districts for uses activities associated with mining sites for the removal of minerals and natural materials for a sixty (60) day period during such time the Carroll County staff will draft revisions to and complete required advertising for the Carroll County Zoning Ordinance and Development Regulations for approval, consideration and implementation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Carroll County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. Effective immediately upon the approval of this Resolution, the Board of Commissioners hereby issues a moratorium on accepting applications and issuing land

disturbance and other permits for activities associated with mining sites for the removal of minerals and natural materials, including without limitation rock quarries, for all properties located within in agricultural districts of the unincorporated area of Carroll County.

2. This moratorium will be for an initial period of time of sixty (60) days from the date of the adoption of this Resolution.

3. As a result of this Resolution, the Community Development Department, Planning and Zoning Division, its Director, agents and employees, are directed not to accept applications or issue any new land disturbance permits issued for activities associated with mining sites for the removal of minerals and natural materials, including without limitation rock quarries, in agricultural districts located within the unincorporated area of Carroll County.

4. The Carroll County staff, including the members of the Community Development Departments including its Planning and Zoning Division, along with the assistance of the County Attorney, are directed to continue their efforts to review and provide suggestions for revisions to the Board of Commissioners of the Carroll County Zoning Ordinance and Development Regulations for activities associated with mining sites for the removal of minerals and natural materials, including without limitation rock quarries.

SO RESOLVED this ____ day of _____, 2020.

CARROLL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Michelle Morgan, Chairman

Attest:

Susan A. Mabry, Clerk