

Section 302 Bona Fide Farm Exempt

This ordinance shall in no way regulate, restrict, prohibit or otherwise deter any bona fide farm (crop lands, timber lands, pasture lands, or other farm lands, nor any other farm buildings or housing to be occupied by the farm owner, relatives, or other employees of the farm). However, this exemption should not be construed to exempt said farms from requirement of buffers or setbacks that may be required to maintain the desirability of adjoining properties and any use of farm property for non-farm purposes shall be subject to any applicable zoning regulations. Because the existing property uses within the corporate limits of the Village of Misenheimer are primarily residential and/or institutional in nature, and because the Land Use Plan of the Village of Misenheimer projects and expands an extension of this nature into future development, large commercial livestock operations, such as commercial poultry houses or hog farms, are not envisioned within Village jurisdiction and are viewed as being incompatible with existing or future residential or institutional development.† For the purposes of this ordinance, a Bona Fide farm shall be defined as any parcel-lot of record having ten (10) or more acres being in active agricultural use as defined by N.C. General Statutes Section 105-277.1 et. seq. as interpreted by the Village Council, or as determined by any other available method upon approval of the Village Council.