

Town of Windham, Maine

Ordinance No. _____

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AN ORDINANCE

Providing for: The Adoption of the Voluntary Municipal Farm Support Program.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Windham as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town's comprehensive plan notes "The town should safeguard land identified as prime farmland or capable of supporting commercial forestry" and "The town should encourage owners of productive farm and forest land to enroll in the current use taxation programs; and

WHEREAS, the Town values its agricultural resources and wishes to preserve them; and

WHEREAS, the Town has developed the attached Voluntary Municipal Farm Support Program which is a property tax relief program for qualifying farmland and farm buildings, which has been authorized by the Maine Legislature to help preserve Maine's agricultural resources; now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council that the Town hereby adopts the attached Voluntary Municipal Farm Support Program for the Town of Windham, Maine on this the _____ day of _____, 2017.

TOWN COUNCIL:

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