

**ORDINANCE #___ OF 2009
FORESTRY PROPERTY AREA
ORDINANCE**

The County of Antrim does hereby ordain:

ARTICLE 1

- 1.01 **PURPOSE:** The Board of Commissioners of the County of Antrim has for a number of years managed certain forestry property received from the State of Michigan under section 6 of former 1931 PA 217, now being P.A.1994, No. 451, § 52701, added by P.A.1995, No. 57, § 1, Imd. Eff. May 24, 1995 being MCL 324.52701 *et seq* 451. Section 6 now allows the County to seek relinquishment of certain reversionary interest now held by the State of Michigan. The County has determined that continued management of such property is important for the purpose of forestry and that property is maintained for forestry purpose, to protect the diversity and natural features found upon the properties and to keep it accessible for compatible recreational and educational use by the public.
- 1.02 **PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** The forestry properties are located throughout the county and as more fully set-forth in attachment "A."

ARTICLE 2

- 2.01 **RULE MAKING:** Because of the unique character of forestry property, there is a need to respond to activities and use of the property that could, if not abated, have an irreparable impact upon the lands. The Board of Commissioners, by a majority of elected members, shall supervise and manage all lands devoted to forestry and may provide labor on forest land by foresters and others as may be necessary for the proper care and maintenance of the land as a forest producing area, to make reasonable rules and regulations concerning the land not inconsistent with this ordinance or law for the use and occupancy forestry property, and to expend money as may be appropriated or received for this purpose.
- 2.02 **SALE OR DISPOSAL OF FOREST LANDS:**

The County shall not sell, exchange, lease or in any way place a lien or dispose of the forest property set forth in attachment "A", unless and except the proposition for such purpose shall first have been submitted, at a regular or special election held for the purpose in the manner provided by law, to the qualified voters of the County and approved by them by a three-fifths (3/5) majority vote of the electors voting thereon.

ARTICLE 3

3.01 SAVING CLAUSE:

The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any clause, sentence, word, section, or provision is declared void or unenforceable, for any reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of said Ordinance shall remain in force.

3.02 EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication of notice of adoption.

Passed: _____

Yea _____ Nay _____

Laura Sexton, County Clerk

Jack White, Chair
Antrim County Board of Commissioners