SECTION 7.00 - THE SPECIAL DISTRICTS

The Special Zoning Districts are intended to provide for land of unique character or developmental requirements not adequately provided in the Standard Districts.

SECTION 7.10 - FLOODPLAIN DISTRICT (Section 610)

The Floodplain District is to regulate flood prone land along certain rivers, creeks, streams and other natural water courses as identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) so as to make Blendon Township landowners eligible for flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program. To avoid personal loss and expenditure of public funds for the control of such flooding, it is the purpose of these regulations to prevent obstruction of the water channel and to protect structures and property from flood damage.

SECTION 7.20 - EXCAVATION AND QUARRY DISTRICT (Section 620)

The Excavation and Quarry District is to regulate mining of limestone, gravel, sand and other minerals and to ensure the rehabilitation of the extracted areas

SECTION 7.30 - OIL AND GAS DISTRICT (Section 630)

The Oil and Gas Districts are provided in recognition of the potential resources of oil and natural gas in Franklin County. The **Oil and Gas District Regulations** are intended to protect the citizens of Blendon Township and to protect property from the danger of fire, explosion, gas, public nuisances and other hazards dangerous to public health, safety and welfare as a result of the drilling for and production of oil and natural gas. These **Oil and Gas District Regulations** are further intended to insure the preservation of land development which may exist in close proximity to these mineral deposits and to assure the rehabilitation of the extracted area.

SECTION 7.40 - EXCEPTIONAL USE DISTRICT (Section 640)

The Exceptional Use District is provided for uses which create unique demands upon public health, safety and general welfare. The **Exceptional Use District** is intended to allow these uses to be suitably located and developed to appropriate and necessary standards of development in relation to other land uses and development with a minimum of conflict.

SECTION 7.50 – BIG WALNUT CREEK WATERSHED RIPARIAN SETBACKS (Section 655)

The Big Walnut Creek Watershed Riparian Setback Overlay is established to protect and enhance the functions of riparian areas by providing reasonable controls governing structures and uses within a riparian setback along watercourses in the Big Walnut Creek watershed.

SECTION 7.60 – COMMERCIAL OVERLAY DISTRICT (Section 660)

The Commercial Overlay District is established to create standards to enhance the commercial development pattern within Blendon Township.