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**THE KAJIADO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION
SERVICES BILL, 2020**

A Bill for

AN ACT of the County Assembly of Kajiado to establish Agricultural Mechanization Services and to provide for the institutional framework for the development and regulation of the same and for connected purposes.

ENACTED by the County Assembly of Kajiado, as follows—

PART I—PRELIMINARY

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Kajiado County Agricultural Mechanization Services Act, 2020 and shall come into operation upon publication in the *Kenya Gazette* and the County Gazette.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“Agriculture” means development of land and the use of farmland for any purpose of crop and animal husbandry, aquaculture and food production;

“Agricultural Machinery” includes farm tractors with related implements, equipment, and machinery and heavy plant and earth moving machinery used in agriculture;

“AMS” means Agricultural Mechanization Services;

“Appropriate Agricultural Technology” means a suited technology that enhances local agricultural productivity;

“Chief Officer” means the Chief Officer for Agriculture in the County;

“County Assembly” means the County Assembly of Kajiado;

“County Executive Committee Member” means the County Executive Committee Member for the time being responsible for matters relating to Agriculture in the County;

“County Government” means the County government of Kajiado;

“Crop” means any plant that is grown in significant quantities to be harvested as food, as livestock fodder, fuel, or for any other economic purpose;

“Director” means the Director for the time being responsible for matters relating to Agriculture;

“Farmer” means, a person who is principally occupied in producing agricultural products on a farm;

“Center Engineer” means the person in charge of the Agricultural Mechanization Center;

“Agricultural Mechanization” means the application of tools, implements, and powered machinery as inputs to achieve agricultural production and covers the manufacture, distribution, maintenance, repair, management, and utilization of agricultural tools, implements, and machines for agricultural land development, crop production, harvesting, and preparation for storage, on-farm processing and rural transport.

“Administrator” means a person designated by the County Executive Committee Member for Finance to administer the Fund.

PART II—OBJECTS AND PURPOSE OF THE ACT

Objects and purpose of the Act

3. The objects and purposes of this Act is to—
- (a) establish an Agricultural Mechanization Services Centers to offer competitive agricultural machinery services in the County;
 - (b) provide a comprehensive, harmonized, efficient and effective legal and regulatory framework for development and regulation of agricultural machinery services in Kajiado County.
 - (c) to accelerate the growth and development of agriculture in general, enhance productivity and incomes for farmers through a combination of strategies that include access to affordable appropriate agricultural technologies and mechanization of agriculture.
 - (d) to set up an Agricultural Mechanization Services Fund.

Application of the Act

4. This Act shall apply within jurisdiction of the County Government of Kajiado.

PART III—ESTABLISHMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION SERVICES

Establishment of Agricultural Mechanization Services

5. There is established an agricultural mechanization services Center to be known as the Kajiado Agricultural Machinery Services Center.